

# UNCOATED VINYL FLOORING

## CLEANING & MAINTENANCE



### INITIAL STRIP & SEAL

#### STEP 1



Dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove loose soil and dust.

#### STEP 2

Dilute FloorworX Stripper 1:5 with clean water in a suitable container. Apply the diluted FloorworX Stripper solution to the floor using a flat mop and leave for a few minutes before scrubbing with an automatic scrubbing machine or a rotary machine fitted with a black pad. Do not flood the floor and do not allow the stripper residue to dry on the floor.

### PREVENTIVE CARE

- Approximately 80% of the dirt and soiling that has to be cleaned off a floor has been trafficked in from outside the building. More than 90% of that soiling can be avoided by the use of an effective entrance matting system. When less dirt is trafficked through the entrance there will be a reduction in maintenance requirements.
- Regular cleaning is more cost-effective and hygienic than occasional heavy-duty cleaning.
- Wipe up any grease and oil spills immediately and treat stains as soon as they are observed.
- Black rubber wheels and rubber furniture feet can discolour the floor covering. Hard plastic is preferred.
- Always follow the manufacturer's dosage instructions regarding the use of cleaning chemicals.

### POST-INSTALLATION SITE CLEAN

- Floor maintenance begins immediately after the completion of installation. The initial step is to remove any loose dirt or debris using a dry mop, broom or vacuum. Sand, construction debris and sharp-edged objects may result in irreparable damage being inflicted to the new floor.
- Remove any visible adhesive residue using a damp cloth. Once the adhesive has cured it will be difficult to remove.
- If other trades are working in the building after the installation of the flooring, the floor must be protected from subsequent damage by the use of thick paper, cardboard or hard board.
- No wet maintenance must take place until 72 hours (3 days) have elapsed from the time of installation. This is to ensure that the adhesive has sufficient time to cure properly and develop full bond strength.

#### STEP 3



Remove the residue immediately after scrubbing using a wet / dry vacuum.

#### STEP 4



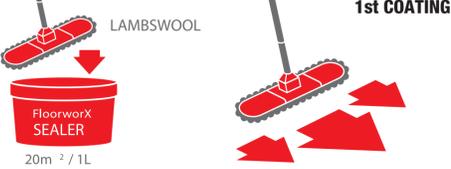
Rinse the floor using a solution of FloorworX Rinse diluted 1:10 with clean water by means of a flat mop to neutralise the FloorworX Stripper and remove any residue using a wet / dry vacuum.

#### STEP 5



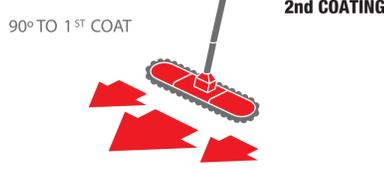
Rinse the floor again using clean water and a flat mop and, after removing any visible moisture using a wet / dry vacuum, allow sufficient time for the floor to dry thoroughly.

#### STEP 6



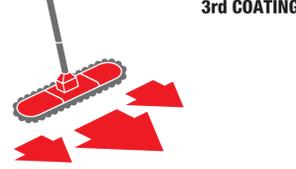
Using a lambswool flat mop applicator, apply a thin, even coating of FloorworX Silk Matt or Gloss Sealer at a rate of 20m<sup>2</sup> per litre. Allow sufficient time for the coating to dry thoroughly.

#### STEP 7



Apply the 2nd coat of FloorworX Silk Matt or Gloss Sealer at right angles to the initial coat and allow sufficient time to dry thoroughly. Ensure that the floor is not trafficked between coats.

#### STEP 8



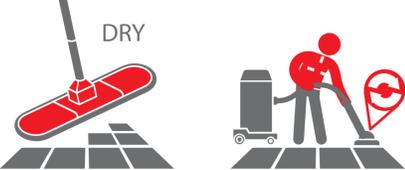
Apply the 3rd and final coat of FloorworX Silk Matt or Gloss Sealer at right angles to the previous coat and allow sufficient time to dry thoroughly.

### NOTES:

- APPLY THIN & EVENLY
  - NO TRAFFIC
  - WASH MOP AFTER EVERY COATING
  - ALLOW DRYING AFTER EVERY COAT
- Once the initial strip and seal process is complete, ensure that the mops, pads and lambswool applicators are rinsed thoroughly in warm water and allowed to dry for re-use.

### REGULAR CLEANING

#### STEP 1



Dust mop with flat mop or vacuum on a daily basis to remove dust and loose dirt.

#### STEP 2



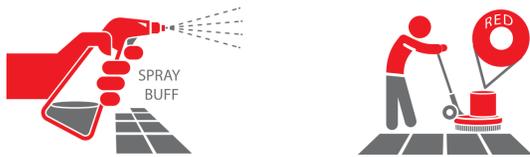
Damp mop the floor weekly with flat mop using a solution of FloorworX Maintain diluted 1:100 with clean water, ensuring that the mop is not too wet as it will leave smear traces.

#### STEP 3



Scrub as required, using a solution of FloorworX Maintain diluted 1:10 with clean water, with a rotary machine fitted with a blue pad. Rinse with clean water using a flat mop.

#### STEP 4



Apply FloorworX Spray Buff in a fine stream or mist onto the floor in front of a rotary machine fitted with a red pad and work in until dry. The FloorworX Spray Buff assists in maintaining a smooth surface and constant level of gloss while extending the time between stripping and re-sealing operations.

### BI-ANNUAL OR ANNUAL STRIP & SEAL

- When the coating of sealer has become worn to the extent that regular maintenance cannot improve its appearance, the floor must be stripped and re-sealed. The frequency of this requirement depends on a number of factors, including the effectiveness of the entrance matting, the amount of traffic and the quality of the regular maintenance procedures.
- Dilute FloorworX Stripper 1:5 with clean water in a suitable container. Apply the diluted FloorworX Stripper solution to an area of approximately 10m<sup>2</sup> of the floor using a flat mop and leave for a few minutes to soften the coating before scrubbing with an automatic scrubbing machine or a rotary machine fitted with a black pad.
- Do not flood the area and do not allow the stripping solution to dry on the floor.
- Remove the residue immediately after scrubbing using a wet / dry vacuum.
- Rinse the 10m<sup>2</sup> area of floor using a solution of FloorworX Rinse diluted 1:10 with clean water by means of a flat mop to neutralise the FloorworX Stripper and remove any residue using a wet / dry vacuum.

- Once the initial 10m<sup>2</sup> area has been stripped and rinsed, proceed to the next 10m<sup>2</sup> area and repeat the process until the entire floor has been stripped and rinsed.
- Rinse the entire floor again using clean water and a flat mop and, after removing any visible moisture using a wet / dry vacuum, allow sufficient time for the floor to dry thoroughly.
- Using a lambswool flat mop applicator, apply a thin, even coating of FloorworX Silk Matt or Gloss Sealer at a rate of 20m<sup>2</sup> per litre. Allow sufficient time for the coating to dry thoroughly.
- Apply the 2nd coat of FloorworX Silk Matt or Gloss Sealer at right angles to the initial coat and allow sufficient time to dry thoroughly. Ensure that the floor is not trafficked between coats.
- Apply the 3rd and final coat of FloorworX Silk Matt or Gloss Sealer at right angles to the previous coat and allow sufficient time to dry thoroughly. Once the initial strip and seal process is complete, ensure that the mops, pads and lambswool applicators are rinsed thoroughly in warm water and allowed to dry for re-use.