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## LUXURY VINYL FLOORING CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

### PREVENTIVE CARE

The easiest way to reduce maintenance costs is to reduce the amount of dirt, grit and moisture brought into a building with an effective dirt trapping or barrier mat. 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, furniture with rubber feet pads and mats that have a rubber backing can discolour the floorcovering. 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 Microfiber 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 or premises after the installation of the flooring, the floor must be protected from subsequent damage by the use of thick paper, plastic sheeting, cardboard or hardboard.

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.

### INITIAL CLEAN

Dust mop and clean with dry Microfiber Mop or vacuum the floor to remove loose soil and dust.

If necessary clean the floor using a solution of FloorworX Maintain diluted 1:10 with clean water, with sprayer or Microfiber Spray Mop.

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

Rinse with clean water using a Microfiber Mop and allow the floor to dry.

### REGULAR CLEANING OR PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Dust mop and clean with dry Microfiber Mop or vacuum on a daily basis to remove dust or dirt.

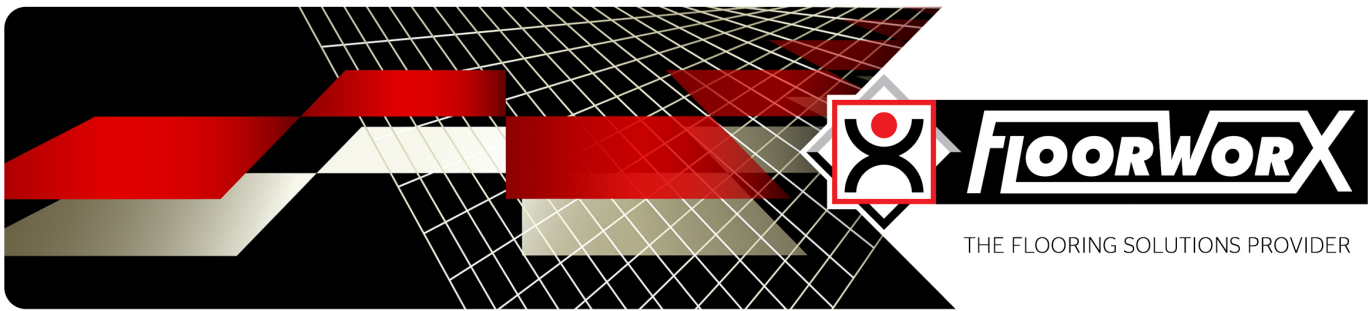
Treat spills, spots and stains immediately. Spot clean by hand with a red or white pad and a solution of FloorworX Maintain, working from the outside of the mark to its centre. (FloorworX Maintain can be diluted with water 10 to 100 parts depending on the degree of dirt and grime to be removed).

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

Rinse with clean water using a Microfiber Mop and allow the floor to dry.

### Kindly Note:-

In cases where one has access to a rotary machine, it is recommended that the FloorworX Technical Department be contacted for further information on correct maintenance procedures.



## PREVENTATIVE MEASURES AND TIPS ON CARE SPOT PROTECTION AND REMOVAL

Most domestic agents will not harm the floor, however, all residue of cleaning agents should be removed to avoid discolouration by rinsing with clean water.

The following substances can cause discolouration:

- Tar, Nail Polish, Varnish, Spices, Shoe Polish, Paints containing acetone, Lipstick Solvent-based Paints, Rubber Mats, Coco-Fiber Mats, Asphalt, Permanent Marker Pens, Crayons

### Action:

- Wipe immediately with paper towel or cloth.
- Spots, which have already dried, might be removed using a plastic scraper.
- The area should then be washed with a diluted cleaning agent (FloorworX Maintain) using a damp cloth or sponge or Microfiber Mop.
- Obstinate spots might be removed with a firm nylon sponge or red pad.
- Should the spot still remain, moisten a cloth/pad with clear odourless mineral spirits and rub in circular movements over the whole area. (Always test in an inconspicuous area to check for compatibility of the mineral spirits and flooring).

**Note: Only use mineral spirits in well-ventilated rooms.**

### Additional Considerations:

- Always sweep, mop or dry the floor regularly. Never use a steam mop as they can cause damage to the flooring.
- Always use clean equipment – dirty equipment only redistributes the dirt.
- Do not mix cleaning products from different manufacturers – they may not be compatible.
- Always remove any spillage immediately.
- Always remove excess water.
- Wet floors are slippery therefore always use warning signs to advise that cleaning is in progress.
- **Protect against direct sunlight** through the use of curtains, blinds or solar film to protect against thermal dimensional change.

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