

Vinyl Composition Tile

ARTEFFECTS

EXCELON: STONETEX | COMPANION SQUARE | FEATURE TILE/STRIPS

STANDARD EXCELON: MULTICOLOR | IMPERIAL TEXTURE

Armstrong commercial vinyl composition tile is coated with the Fast Start Factory Finish. Fortunately, the Fast Start Factory Finish makes initial maintenance quick and easy and does **not** require removal after installation. It is compatible with commercial floor polishes such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish and reduces the need to strip the tile. Vinyl composition tile require polishing for protection, ease of maintenance and an attractive overall appearance.

STONETEX: Although Stonetex presents a monolithic or solid-colored image, the speckled pattern enables it to look better longer than Feature Tile or other nonpatterned vinyl composition tile. Stonetex may require more frequent maintenance than a typical vinyl composition tile with a more prominent pattern.

FEATURE TILE: Feature Tile, like solid-colored floors of any composition, shows scratches and soiling more readily than patterned materials. They have been designed for use as decorative bands, borders and spot accent colors in combination with other Armstrong 1/8" Standard EXCELON and EXCELON Tile. Feature Tile is not suitable for use as an overall floor color and is **not recommended or guaranteed** for this use. When first installed, the plain-colored surface may reveal a light dusty or powdery film and some directional surface markings. These are common to the production of this type of product, but the markings will be eliminated with regular cleaning and polishing, and they will not affect the performance of the floor.

A. Initial Maintenance

Immediately After Installation

1. Sweep or vacuum thoroughly to remove all loose dust and dirt.
2. Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean white cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carefully following warnings on container.
3. Damp mop the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner at 3 to 4 ounces per gallon, while carefully scrubbing black marks and excessive soil. **Do not wet wash, scrub or strip the floor for at least four or five days after installation** (this prevents excess moisture from interfering with the seam treatments and adhesive bond).
4. Apply two coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer beneath the polish should be considered in areas of high traffic, high soil load and areas where staining potential is high.
5. If other on-site work is continuing, consider using a protective covering such as plain, undyed kraft paper to guard against damage to the new floor. When moving heavy fixtures or appliances over the flooring on casters or dollies, the flooring should be protected with 1/4" or thicker plywood, hardboard or other underlayment panels.

Preparation for Commercial Traffic

1. Scrub the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner at 4 to 6 ounces per gallon and a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal), or equivalent brushes. If the floor is badly soiled and/or scratched, strip it using the same procedure but substituting a stripping solution such as Armstrong S-490 Commercial Floor Stripper.

The use of aggressive strippers such as mop on/mop off, no-scrub and no-rinse strippers is not recommended on tile floors less than two years old because they may affect the adhesive bond.

2. Thoroughly rinse floor and allow it to dry.
3. Apply three to five coats of high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer should be considered in areas of high traffic, soil load and staining potential.

B. Daily/Regular Maintenance

1. Sweep or vacuum thoroughly and clean walk-off mats frequently.
2. Damp mop using a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner at 3 to 4 ounces per gallon.

C. Periodic Maintenance

1. When needed, scrubbing with an automatic floor machine and appropriate pad (red for light scrub, blue/green for a deep scrub) or equivalent brushes may also be performed.
2. Thoroughly rinse and allow to dry.
3. If there is sufficient (three to five coats) polish remaining on the floor, buff, spray-buff or burnish to restore gloss.
4. If needed, additional coats of floor polish may be applied at this time.

D. Restorative Maintenance

NOTE: Stripping is the process of removing existing layers of sealer and finish and should only be performed when routine daily/periodic procedures are no longer effective. The use of high-quality maintenance products such as Armstrong commercial floor care products and adherence to a well-planned maintenance program will greatly reduce the need for stripping.

The use of aggressive strippers such as mop on/mop off, no-scrub and no-rinse strippers is not recommended on tile floors less than two years old because they may affect the adhesive bond.

1. Scrub the floor with a properly diluted stripping solution using a single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal) or equivalent scrub brush.
2. Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum or mop.
3. Thoroughly rinse the floor with clean water and allow it to dry.
4. Apply three to five coats of high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer should be considered in areas of high traffic, soil load and staining potential.