



## RUBBER TILE

### Maintenance Instructions

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#### Post Installation / Initial Cleaning

**Job site conditions will cause grit and dirt to accumulate. Initial cleaning must not be performed until 72 hours after installation. However, it is necessary the floor be swept and protected until maintenance begins.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
  2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
  3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufactures label instructions.
  4. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
  5. Let the cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes (dwell time is based on soil conditions of the floor). **IMPORTANT** – Do not allow the solution to dry.
  6. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a 22 to 28 gauge nylon bristle brush. In small areas, use a deck brush attached to a handle.
  7. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
  8. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
  9. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
- NOTE:** The cleaning process may need to be repeated on heavily soiled floors.

#### Preventive Care

1. An effective barrier matting system should be installed at all entrances to reduce cleaning costs and extend the life of the floor.
2. Protect the flooring from damage by using good quality protective feet and casters for chairs, tables, and other furniture using products designed for resilient floors. Caster or wheel damage can be avoided with the use of chair pads.
3. Do not use steel wool, strong solvents (Lestoil, Top Job, etc. and similar products), gasoline, turpentine, and acetone.
4. Sweeping compounds or mops treated with petroleum solvents, silicone compounds or loose abrasives can damage the flooring.
5. Coatings such as shellac, lacquer, varnish, and paste wax or those containing aromatic solvents are not recommended.
6. Some disinfectants and insecticide sprays contain oil or solvents which may settle on the floor in sufficient quantity to discolor, cause slipperiness, and harm the floor covering.

#### Routine / Daily Cleaning

**It is very important to clean the flooring at a frequency consistent with the amount and type of traffic and soil conditions. Daily cleaning is recommended.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufactures label instructions.
4. Damp mop the cleaning solution onto the floor with a nylon or rayon mop, or utilize an auto scrubber equipped with a 22 to 28 gauge nylon bristle brush. Check the manufactures label instructions for proper use.
5. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
6. Remove minor stains and scuffs in conjunction with the damp mopping. Use a white or red pad if required.

#### Periodic / Deep Cleaning

**When Routine / Daily Cleaning no longer provides adequate results, a more aggressive deep cleaning is required to thoroughly clean the floor.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
  2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
  3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufactures label instructions.
  4. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
  5. Let the cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes (dwell time is based on soil conditions of the floor). **IMPORTANT** – Do not allow the solution to dry.
  6. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a 22 to 28 gauge nylon bristle brush. In small areas, use a deck brush attached to a handle.
  7. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
  8. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
  9. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
- NOTE:** The cleaning process may need to be repeated on heavily soiled floors.

#### Selecting the Desired Level of Sheen:

**Application of floor finish:** For customers who desire a higher sheen.

1. Select a recommended floor finish identified on the maintenance product reference chart below.
2. Performing a Deep Cleaning as outlined above.
3. Apply two coats of finish according to the manufactures label instructions.
4. The floor finish must dry completely between coats.
5. Restrict all traffic until the floor finish has dried completely.



**Application of Cleaner Maintainer:** Customers who prefer to buff should apply a cleaner maintainer to help protect and develop the floor during early use. This will allow time for the self-releasing waxes to migrate to the surface. While use is dictated by traffic conditions, an application every week or two weeks is suggested.

1. Select a recommended cleaner maintainer from the maintenance product reference chart below.
2. Performing a Deep Cleaning as outlined above.
3. Follow the manufactures label instructions for proper dilution ratios.
4. Apply the cleaner maintainer to the floor according to the label instructions.
5. Restrict all traffic until the flooring has dried completely.

**Do not buff the flooring for the first 90 days following installation. Buffing may dull the surface of newly installed rubber flooring. NOTE:** Maintaining the rubber floor tile by dry buffing only, requires a higher frequency of maintenance to maintain the desired finish.

**Maintaining Desired Level of Sheen:**

**Customers who selected a higher sheen:** When the floors gloss level appears worn or uneven due to traffic the floor finish can be removed and reapplied to restore the floors appearance.

**Removal of Floor Finish / Stripping Procedure:**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a stripping solution using one of the recommended strippers identified in the reference chart below. Follow the manufactures label instructions for proper mixing ratios and use.
3. Apply the stripping solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
4. Let the stripping solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT** – Do not allow the solution to dry.
5. Scrub the floor using a single-disc rotary machine (175-350 RPM) equipped with a 22 to 28 gauge nylon bristle brush.
6. Remove the stripping solution with a wet vacuum or a mop.
7. Thoroughly rinse the floor and allow it to dry completely.
8. Repeat the stripping process if necessary.
9. Apply the new floor finish as outlined above.

**Customers who prefer to buff: After the first 90 days.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Dry buff the floor using a single-disc rotary machine (175-350 RPM) equipped with a union fiber bristle brush (Zimmerman 1500 UN505 union mix bassine brush). In small areas use a bath towel wrapped around a push broom.
3. Depending on the level of sheen desired, additional applications of cleaner maintainer may be needed.
4. As the flooring reaches the desired level of sheen, the cleaner maintainer may be alternated with a pH neutral cleaner.

**NOTE:** Regular maintenance with a cleaner maintainer will eventually require its removal as buildup occurs slowly over time.

**Maintenance Product Reference Chart**

**NOTE: Always follow the manufactures label for proper mixing ratios and use**

	Initial Cleaning / Deep Cleaning	Daily Cleaning	Cleaner Maintainers	Finish	Stripper
Diversey www.diversey.com 1-800-558-2332	Profi	Profi	WiWax	Carefree	LinoSAFE
	Prominence	Prominence		Carefree Matte	
Certified Green Products		Stride		Aquaria	
Spartan Chemical www.spartanchemical.com 1-800-537-8990	TriBase	TriBase	Sun Swept	White Sun	Step Down
		Damp Mop		iShine	
Certified Green Products	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner		FloorFront	Green Solutions Floor Finish Remover
XL North www.xlnorth.com 1-888-530-2259	XL Rubber Floor Cleaner	XL Rubber Floor Cleaner		XL Rubber Floor Finish	XL Rubber Floor Stripper
				XL Matte	

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