

Luxury Solid Vinyl

NATURAL CREATIONS® – ArborArt® | EarthCuts® | Mystix®

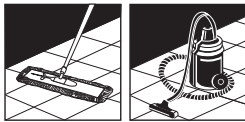
NATURAL CREATIONS tiles are manufactured with a protective urethane finish that provides improved maintenance characteristics and maintenance options for the end-user.

For Best Results:

- When performing wet maintenance, always use proper signage and prohibit traffic until the floor is completely dry.
- **Do not wet wash, machine scrub or strip the floor for at least 4 days after installation. This is to prevent excess moisture from interfering with the adhesive bond.**
- 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 2 years old because these strippers may affect the adhesive bond.
- Do not dry buff or burnish the unpolished surface of NATURAL CREATIONS. Floors which are to be dry buffed or high-speed burnished should have a sufficient base of polish (5 to 7 coats). Floors must also be clean and dry before burnishing. Any residual soil on the floor before burnishing will be ground into the finish, resulting in discoloration.
- Do not use excessive amounts of liquid during maintenance.
- The use of scrubbing brushes is recommended to reach into the textured surface to remove dirt, particles and residues.
- Do not use brown or black pads, equivalent brushes or stiff-bristled, highly abrasive brushes on Armstrong® resilient flooring.
- If it becomes necessary to move any 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. 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.

NO POLISH, NO BUFFING MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

A. Initial Maintenance and Preparation for Commercial Traffic

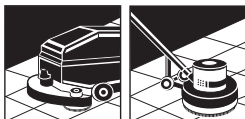


1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit and debris.

2. Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean, white cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carefully following the warnings on the container.



3. Damp mop the floor with a properly diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution such as Armstrong® S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.

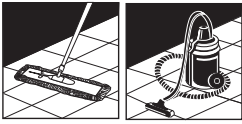


4. If necessary, scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution (such as Armstrong® S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner) and the appropriate scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M red pad for light scrub, 3M blue pad or equal for a deep scrub).



5. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.

B. Daily / Regular Maintenance



1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor daily to remove dust, dirt, grit and debris that can damage the floor and become ground into the surface.



2. Spot mop as needed. Any spills should be cleaned up immediately.

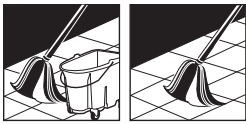


3. Damp mopping of the floor should be performed on a regular or daily basis, depending upon traffic and soil levels in the area. Use a properly diluted neutral detergent solution, such as Armstrong® S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.

C. Periodic Maintenance



1. When needed, machine scrub the floor with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution (such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner) and the appropriate scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M red pad for light scrub, 3M blue pad or equal for a deep scrub).

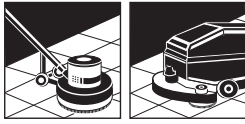


2. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.

ALTERNATIVE MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

Recognizing that some end-users may prefer other maintenance options, these products may also be maintained using floor polish (finish) or without polish using spray buff procedures as described below.

1. Polish Option



- After completing Steps 1 and 2 under Initial Maintenance above, scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong® S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner and a scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M red pad). This will promote polish adhesion.



- Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.

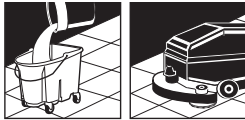


- Apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. In areas where the flooring will be exposed to heavy traffic and/or staining agents, the application of a stain resistant sealer (such as Armstrong S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer) prior to the application of polish is recommended.

- Regular and Periodic Maintenance should be performed as described above in Sections B and C.

- As needed, additional coats of floor polish should be applied. Additional coats should only be applied after scrubbing as described above in Section C – Periodic Maintenance.

2. Spray Buff Option



- After completing Steps 1 and 2 above under Initial Maintenance, scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner and a scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M red pad).

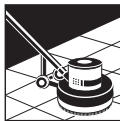
- Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.



- Spray buff using a rotary machine (175 to 600 rpm) with the appropriate pad and spray buff solution.

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- Spray buffing should only be conducted after scrubbing as described above in Section C – Periodic Maintenance.



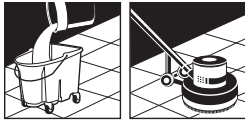
NOTE: For the above two options, at some point it may become necessary to remove polish build-up by stripping the floor. The use of high-quality maintenance products such as Armstrong® commercial floor care products and adherence to a well-planned maintenance program will greatly reduce the need for stripping. Should stripping become necessary, follow the procedures outlined below.

D. Restorative Maintenance - Stripping

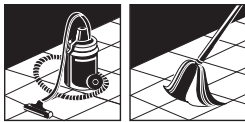
NOTE: The use of aggressive strippers such as mop-on/mop-off, no-scrub and no-rinse strippers is not recommended on tile floors less than 2 years old because they may affect the adhesive bond.



1. Mix stripping solution to the appropriate dilution, depending on floor finish build-up. Blockade areas to be stripped. Apply liberal amounts of solution uniformly to the floor with a mop. Let stripping solution soak for the appropriate amount of time recommended by the stripper manufacturer. Keep areas to be stripped wet. Rewet if necessary.



2. Machine scrub the floor (300 rpm or less) with a scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M blue pad) to break up the polish film. **Do not allow stripping solution to dry on the floor.**



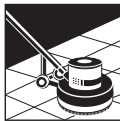
3. Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum or mop. **TIP: Drizzling fresh, clean rinse water onto the dirty stripping solution will assist with a more thorough removal.**



4. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.



5. Based on the selected maintenance option above, do one of the following:
 - If maintaining with the **Polish Option**, apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish, such as Armstrong® S-480 Commercial Floor Polish.



- If maintaining with the **Spray Buff Option**, spray buff using a rotary machine (175 to 600 rpm) with the appropriate pad and spray buff solution.