

# Cleaning and Maintenance

# Heterogeneous

# Commercial Vinyl

A regular cleaning and maintenance programme will help to ensure your new flooring stays in good condition over a longer time period. Part of your cleaning and maintenance really starts with selecting the right vinyl for the location. It is critical that you consult with your retailer to make sure the vinyl you select is suitable for the area you intend to put it into.

## During construction

- If construction carries on after your vinyl is installed it is recommended that you protect your floor by covering it with a thick paper or hard board. It is recommended this covering is taped down with a masking tape as dust and dirt can get under it causing damage. The tape used should not be left in place longer than two weeks without being replaced.

## Initial Clean

- 24 hours after the installation is complete, clean your Robert Malcolm vinyl. Start by vacuuming the floor to remove loose dirt, then mop the floor using warm water and a neutral pH detergent, for larger areas a combined scrubber/ dryer with a white or yellow pad can be very effective in cleaning up construction dust and dirt.

## Maintenance

- To prevent soiling of your floor the use of walk off mats is highly recommended. 80% of all dirt on a floor comes from outside and 90% of this can be avoided by effective clean walk off mats.
- Regularly sweep your floor with a soft broom, or vacuum floor to remove dirt and grit and to prevent scratches.
- Wipe up any spills immediately – if left on floor some materials can migrate into the wear layer and cause permanent stains.
- Wash your vinyl using warm water and a neutral pH detergent.
- For larger areas a scrubber/dryer machine may be more appropriate. Use a red pad at a speed of 165-330 rpm, this should be used in conjunction with a neutral detergent cleaner.
- For textured surfaces and heavier soiled areas, a machine scrubbing/wet vacuuming is recommended at appropriate intervals. Using a neutral pH floor cleaner, warm water coat the floor and allow to act for 5-10 mins then machine scrub the floor using a red pad brush. After scrubbing remove dirty water, rinse with clean water and dry with a floor cloth.

## Special Instructions

- Steam mops of any kind should not be used on this flooring – using them will void the manufacturer's warranty.
- Rubber can permanently stain any vinyl floorcovering. Do not use rubber mats, furniture feet or wheels.
- Use felt pads on all chair and table legs – do not use rubber protectors.
- Dirt-stop mats should be placed at all external doors and kept clean.
- Do not drag heavy appliances across the flooring.
- Avoid using waxes, polishes, aerosol sprays or silicon-based products to clean your floor, as these may result in the vinyl becoming slippery.
- Avoid using any harsh chemicals to clean your floor, these can damage your floor and void your warranty.

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