



CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE: STICK-DOWN VINYL FLOORS

INITIAL HANDOVER

- Do not wash the floor for 48 hours after installation. Remove any wet adhesive from the surface of the vinyl while installing, using a clean white towel moistened with water.
- Dried adhesive can be removed using a clean white cloth moistened with turpentine. DO NOT pour turpentine directly onto the floor.
- If working with an epoxy or polyurethane adhesive, ensure to clean off excess adhesive while still wet, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. DO NOT allow it to dry on the surface of the vinyl as it then cannot be removed.
- 48 hours post-installation, the floor can be washed using a general purpose vinyl cleaner and microfiber mop. Rinse off any product residue and allow to dry.

MAINTENANCE CLEANING

- To keep the floor looking its best, clean using a dry microfibre mop, soft broom or vacuum.
- To remove stubborn marks, use a water-dampened cloth on the mark
- DO NOT use any household dust treatment or any chemicals such as vinegar, solvents, polishes, soaps, HandyAndy or one-step cleaners of any kind as this may cause the floor to become slippery or have a dull finish

PRECAUTIONS

- Do not place any heavy items on a newly installed LVT floor for at least 24 hours after completion of installation.
- Place large doormats or walk-off mats at all entrances, so as to avoid walking dirt onto the floor from the exterior of the building – dirt acts like sandpaper and causes scratches.
- Floor protector pads of soft felt must be used under the feet of tables, chairs and cupboards. This makes the furniture easier to move and so will prevent scratching.
- Equip casters or rollers on office chairs, filing trolleys and any mobile containers with soft treads (not rubber).
- Heavy furniture should be equipped with suitable non-staining, wide bearing casters.
- DO NOT use rubber mats or rubber furniture protectors as these could permanently stain the vinyl.
- Excessive heat and direct light exposure could create expansion and fading of your vinyl floor. Ensure that all doors and windows have are fitted with UV filters, blinds or net curtains, to minimise exposure.



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- Where heaters (and especially gas heaters) are in use, cover the flooring area that is in contact with focused direct heat, as this could cause bubbling of the vinyl.
- Food or liquid spills should be cleaned up as soon as possible.
- Oil- or petroleum-based products left on a vinyl floor could result in surface staining.
- Sharp objects such as stiletto heels will mark the floor, especially if they are in disrepair.
- Keep pets' nails clipped to avoid surface scratching.

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