Residential Vinyl Tile Floor Care and Maintenance

Care and Maintenance

Proper care and maintenance will help ensure your floor always looks its best. Simply follow our maintenance and prevention steps outlined below.

Immediately After Installation

- Maintain room temperature at 65 degrees F for 48 hours after installation is completed. This assures proper curing, setting and bonding of products.
- The adhesive under your floor needs time to thoroughly dry after installation. Therefore, we recommend that you do not scrub or wash your floor for five days.

Proactive Protection For Your Floor

- When moving appliances or heavy furniture, it is always wise to lay a plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it. This protects your floor from scuffing and tears.
- Use floor protectors, such as Armstrong Floor Protectors, on furniture to reduce indentation. As a general rule of thumb, the heavier the item, the wider the floor protector needed.
- Be careful with rolling casters. They can damage the floor. Therefore, we do not recommend them. If you choose to use them, the double-wheel type is the best option.
- Place a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt brought into your home. We strongly recommend mats without a latex or rubber backing since these backings can cause permanent discoloration.

Caring for Your Floor

- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove loose dirt which can scratch your floor. NOTE: We do not recommend vacuums that have a beater bar since it can visibly damage your flooring surface. Additionally, we do not recommend electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms with no padding as use may result in discoloration and deglossing.
- Wipe up spills as soon as possible. Remove dried spills with Armstrong New Beginning Extra Strength Floor Stripper & Cleaner on a clean white cloth and rinse. Never use highly abrasive scrubbing tools on any resilient floor.
- See stain chart for instructions on removing specific stains.
- Wash your floor regularly with Armstrong Once 'n Done No-Rinse Floor Cleaner.
- For heavy duty cleaning, use Armstrong New Beginning Extra-Strength Floor Stripper.
- Do NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners, or "mop and shine" products. These products may leave a dull film on your floor.
- Over time, if the shine on your floor begins to dull, Armstrong Shinekeeper Floor Polish can be used to renew your floor's shine. Do NOT use paste wax or solvent-based polishes.

Stain Removal

Crayon

- Rub the stain with mineral spirits* or turpentine* on a clean, white cloth.
- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Lipstick

- Rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain is still visible, rub the stain with mineral spirits* or turpentine* on a clean, white cloth.
- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Grape Juice/Wine

- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.
- If stain is still visible, rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean white cloth.

Mercurochrome/Merthiolate

- Rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean, white cloth.
- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Mustard

- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Pen Ink

- Rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain is still visible, rub the stain with mineral spirits* or turpentine* on a clean, white cloth.
- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Permanent Marker

- Rub the stain with mineral spirits* or turpentine* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain still shows, very carefully wipe with fingernail polish remover* containing acetone (follow use instructions on label) on a clean, white cloth.

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- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Asphalt Driveway Sealer/Shoe Polish

- Rub the stain with mineral spirits* or turpentine* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain still shows, rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean, white cloth.
- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Hair Dye

- Rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain still shows, use mineral spirits* or turpentine* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain still shows, very carefully wipe with fingernail polish remover* containing acetone (follow use instructions on label) on a clean, white cloth.
- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Paint/Varnish

- If paint stain is wet, wipe up the stain with water on a clean, white cloth.
- If paint stain is dry, carefully scrape residue with a thin spatula.
- If stain still shows, rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain still shows, use mineral spirits* or turpentine* on a clean, white cloth.
- If stain still shows, very carefully wipe with fingernail polish remover* containing acetone on a clean, white cloth.
- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.

Nail Polish

- Very carefully wipe stain with fingernail polish remover* containing acetone on a clean, white cloth.

Rust

- Apply Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** to the stain and let it stand for five minutes. Scrub vigorously with a stiff-bristle brush or nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, wipe, rinse, and let dry.

- If traces remain, rub with a soft cloth dipped in a solution of oxalic acid and water (1 part acid to 10 parts water). **NOTE:** Please follow instructions and cautions on label, as oxalic acid is poisonous.

Cigarette Burns

- The procedure depends on the exact construction of your floor. Consult your retailer.

Black Heel Marks

- Scrub the area with Armstrong New Beginning Floor Stripper and Cleaner** and a nonabrasive white scrubbing pad, following instructions on the label.
- If stain still shows, rub the area with a nonabrasive cleaner.
- If stain still shows, rub the stain with rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol)* on a clean, white cloth.

*May be combustible/flammable; please follow instructions on label.
**WARNING - Eye and Skin irritant