

CAUTION: Do not begin any maintenance procedures until the flooring material has been installed for a minimum of 72 hours. This will allow the floor covering adhesive to dry and cure. Any maintenance done prior to this 72-hour waiting period can cause damage to the floor covering. Such damage is not covered by manufacturer's limited warranty.

INITIAL MAINTENANCE:

1. Sweep, dust mop or damp mop the floor covering surface to remove all loose dirt and contaminants.
2. Floor surface should be scrubbed to remove any remaining dirt or soil. Use a standard buffing machine equipped with flat polyester pads or scrubbing brush (150 to 350 rpm is recommended). Scrubbing should be done with a cleaning solution applying solution with clean cotton mop. Apply sufficient cleaning solution, but do not flood floors. Scrub the solution with a rotary scrubbing machine as noted above. Change pads or brush frequently in order to accomplish efficient cleaning. Scrubbing can also be done with an automatic scrubbing machine. Make certain that the automatic scrubber has brushes or pads adjusted to the right pressure so as not to cause surface damage or burning to the floor surface. After scrubbing is completed pick up cleaning solution with wet vac machine. Rinse surface of floor covering thoroughly with clean water and again wet vac. Allow floor to dry. The drying process can be accelerated by using fans or operating the fan system on the central air or heating units.
3. To help minimize scuffing and staining and also to retain a desirable gloss it is recommended that you apply two thin coats of a good quality acrylic floor finish. Allow each coat to dry before applying the next coat.

The following maintenance materials are recommended:

Cleaning Solutions: Butcher's Sundance, Taski R-50 (Lever Industrial).

Floor Finish Materials: Taski Ombra (Lever Industrial), Butcher's Mainstay, Taski Brilliant (Lever Industrial), or Johnson Carefree.

It is important that when floors need to be re-coated to restore gloss that the floor be scrubbed and cleaned thoroughly as described above. Do not apply floor finishes over a soiled or dirty floor. This will eliminate the necessity of stripping the floor. Floor strippers have a high pH concentration, which can be damaging to resilient floor coverings. If floor strippers are needed, be certain to rinse them thoroughly and also apply them in the proper concentration as recommended by the manufacturer. For additional assistance or service contact your maintenance material supplier:

Lever Industrial (Taski)	-	800/827-5487
The Butcher Company	-	800/225-9475
S.C. Johnson	-	800/558-2332
or		
Architectural Floor Systems, Inc.	-	800/323-6792

DAILY AND WEEKLY MAINTENANCE:

Daily and weekly maintenance is determined by the amount of use and traffic the floor covering is exposed to.

It is not always necessary to scrub the floor every week. Oftentimes, daily maintenance will only require dust mopping or damp mopping to remove surface dirt. Scuff marks and rubber burns can be readily removed with a scrubbing pad and Carb Chlor or Carb-Sol cleaning solvent. This material is non-flammable and is readily available in most hardware stores. Also Butcher's "Speedball" cleaner is an excellent stain remover.

DAILY AND WEEKLY MAINTENANCE cont'd.

Also if you have loss of gloss in certain areas of the floor, i.e., entrances, exits, etc.; those areas can be spot coated after scrubbing and thoroughly cleaning.

Scrub floor surface only when it is absolutely necessary. Scrubbing procedures should be followed as described in previous paragraphs titled "Initial Maintenance."

SPRAY BUFF CLEAN (A dry maintenance method): The "Spray Buff Cleaning Method" can significantly reduce maintenance time and cost. This method can reduce frequency of scrubbing and also reduce the application of floor finish. Depending on the severity of traffic loads spray buff cleaning should be done on a daily or weekly basis. The buffing should be accomplished with a buffing machine (175 to 350 rpm) with appropriate pads or soft hair scrubbing brush. The recommended spray buff solutions are Taski P-44 – Ultra Spray (Lever Industrial), Johnson Snapback or Butcher's Over Drive.

Prior to spray buff cleaning the floor surface should have any heavy soil or dirt removed by dust mopping or damp mopping.

PRECAUTIONS: Proper and effective maintenance is a daily and weekly procedure. Frequency of maintenance is determined by the amount of traffic the floor areas are exposed to and the quality of the maintenance performed. It's important to always use equipment in good operating condition and clean supplies, i.e., mops, buckets, etc.

Also the color and pattern of floor covering can increase or decrease maintenance frequency. Light colors will normally require increased maintenance time and medium to dark colors will normally require less maintenance time.

Mipolam floor covering provides excellent resistance to staining and chemicals. However, there is no such thing as a stain proof or chemical proof flooring product. Some of the most common products causing staining are rubber material that may be incorporated in tires, castors, and floor mats. These materials can cause yellow to brown staining, which becomes permanent and cannot be removed. It is important not to use rubber products but use composition or plastic materials that are non-staining.

Asphalt sealers that are used in parking lot construction can also cause yellow to brown stains. Placing walk-off mats at entries and exits can help reduce this problem. In addition maintaining the uniform gloss of your floor finish can help provide additional protection to the floor surface. Some of the other common materials that can cause staining are adhesive tapes, iodine compounds, silver nitrate, Methylene blue, and special marking materials. Removing stains promptly can help minimize or prevent the damage.

DISINFECTANTS: The use of various quaternary ammonium compounds or phenolics can cause serious damage to the surface of resilient floors especially if they are used in improper concentrations. It is also most important that these materials be thoroughly rinsed from the floor surface. If repeated applications are not rinsed, they can cause physical damage to the flooring material. This is not a defect in the flooring product. Please rinse all disinfectants after application. Certain disinfectants can cause either slipperiness, stickiness, or staining.

Do not dry buff floor surface. Always lubricate the surface with water, liquid cleaning solutions, or spray buff.