



# Floating & Glue Down Luxury Vinyl Tile

## MAINTENANCE

When performing wet maintenance, always use proper signage and prohibit traffic until the floor is completely dry.

### I. Preventative Care

#### 1. Floor Traffic

##### *Glue Down Installations*

Foot traffic is allowed immediately after installation when using M700 Plus and M99 Resilient Flooring Adhesive. Restrict heavy traffic, rolling loads, furniture placement, and wet cleaning for 72 hours after installation.

When using Total Bond Adhesive, foot traffic may begin one hour after installation. Restrict heavy traffic, rolling loads, furniture placement, and wet cleaning for 8 hours after installation.

Additional time may be necessary if the installation is over a non-porous substrate. In this condition, allow at least five days following the installation before conducting wet cleaning procedures or initial maintenance.

##### *Floating Installations*

For floating installations, foot traffic may begin immediately after installation is complete.

2. Use 1/4" or thicker plywood to protect the surface when moving heavy objects across the new floor.
3. Use walk-off mats that are as wide as the doorway and long enough for soil load and weather conditions.
4. Use mats with a non-staining backing.
5. Floor protectors should be used on all furniture legs.
6. The surface area of the floor protectors should be no less than 1" in diameter.
7. Lightly damp mop the floor as needed.
8. Wet cleaning may begin immediately.

### II. Initial Maintenance

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit and debris. Note: Vacuum beater bar must be disengaged.
2. Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean, white cloth dampened with denatured alcohol or mineral spirits, carefully following the use warnings on the container.



3. Damp mop the floor with a pH-neutral cleaner.
4. If necessary, scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with cleaner and the appropriate scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to a 3M red pad).
5. Never use brown or black pads (too aggressive and can damage the product).
6. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.
7. Remove the cleaning solution with a wet-dry vacuum or auto scrubber until the floor is dry.
8. Repeat the rinse process if necessary to remove any haze that may be visible.

### III. Daily / Regular Maintenance

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit and debris. Note: Vacuum beater bar must be disengaged.
2. Damp mop the floor with a pH-neutral cleaner.
3. If necessary, scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with a soft to medium scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to a 3M red pad).
4. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.

### IVa. Periodic Maintenance – No-Polish Method

1. When needed, machine scrub the floor with a properly diluted, pH-neutral cleaner and the appropriate scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M red pad).
2. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.

*\*Caution: Resilient flooring, like other types of smooth floors, can become slippery when wet. Allow time for the floor to dry after cleaning. Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills or wet feet. Place mats at outside entrances to prevent water, snow or ice from being tracked onto the floor. Improper polishes or finishes can cause the floor to become slippery.*

### IVb. Periodic Maintenance – Polish Method

*NOTE: Polishing is not required but is an optional and acceptable form of maintenance. The flooring must be thoroughly cleaned prior to beginning any polishing.*

1. After properly cleaning the flooring as prescribed in the prior sections, scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with a brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M red pad).
2. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.
3. Apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish per manufacturer's direction.
4. Regular and Periodic Maintenance should be performed as needed, and additional coats of floor polish should be applied. Additional coats should only be applied after scrubbing as described above in Periodic Maintenance.



### **IVc. Periodic Maintenance – Spray Buff Maintenance**

1. Follow the procedures listed prior to thoroughly cleaning the floor.
2. Spray buff using a rotary machine (low speed machine with a max of 350 rpm) with the appropriate pad and spray buff solution.
3. Regular and Periodic Maintenance should be performed as described above.

*NOTE: For both Polishing method and Spray Buff method, it may become necessary to remove polish build-up by stripping the floor. The use of high-quality maintenance 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.*

### **V. Restorative Maintenance – Stripping & Polishing**

*NOTE: The use of aggressive strippers such as mop-on/mop-off, no-scrub and no-rinse strippers are 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. Block off areas to be stripped. Apply solution as recommended by the stripper manufacturer.
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. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.
4. Based on the selected maintenance option above, do one of the following:
  - a. If maintaining with the Polish Option, apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish per manufacturer's directions.
  - b. 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.