



Creative Terrain

**HOMOGENOUS VINYL TILE
CLEANING & MAINTENANCE**

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CLEANING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Initial 2-Step Homogeneous Vinyl Tile Maintenance

For optimal visual performance, it is very important to follow the specific directions for cleaning Mohawk Group's Homogeneous Vinyl Tile. Proper initial treatment and continued cleaning will help keep your floor looking better for longer. Treating it otherwise can negatively impact visual appearance.

| Equipment to Initially Clean Creative Terrain | | |
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| Mohawk Maroon Pad | | Supplied and shipped at no charge by Mohawk (included in your order) |
| Mohawk Natural Pad | | |
| Mohawk Deep Scrub | | |
| Mohawk Initial Surface Cleaner | | |
| 1 | Low Speed Buffer: X20SSDS Floor Machine 20 in. | Similar to the Global Industrial Buffer: WQ6441253 |
| Dry Mopping | | |
| 2 | Deluxe Dusting Head, Fiberglass Handle & Frame | Such as U-Line H-866 |
| 3 | Replacement Dusting Heads | Such as U-Line S-7119 |
| 4 | Counter Brush Combo 11" (dust pan/brush) | Such as U-Line H-6416 |
| Wet Mopping | | |
| 5 | 60" Clamp-Style Mop Handle | Such as U-Line H-9948 |
| 6 | Mop Head Heavy Duty Blue | Such as U-Line S-18367 |
| 7 | Mop Bucket with Wringer | Such as U-Line H-7401BLU |
| 8 | Clean Mat 24" X 36" | Such as U-Line H-1567 |
| Microfiber Mopping | | |
| 9 | Heavy Duty Microfiber Flat Mop System 18" Wide | Such as U-Line H-4506 |
| 10 | Replacement 18" Microfiber Pads | Such as U-Line S-20083 |
| 11 | 6 Gallon Bucket with Lids | Such as U-Line H-8496 |
| 12 | Plastic Liners 33" X 40" | Such as U-Line S-5344 |



PLEASE NOTE

Items 1-12 are not provided in your order. If a high gloss shine is desired, you can use a Commercial Grade Acrylic Floor Finish after applying the Mohawk Deep Scrub Cleaner. A Commercial Grade Acrylic Floor Finish is not supplied by Mohawk or shipped with your order.



MAINTENANCE

Initial maintenance is REQUIRED to ensure a good visual appearance. Before proceeding, please note the following:

1. Immediate foot traffic is allowed when adhesive is installed dry to the touch. Immediate cleaning is allowed with seamless flooring. For all other applications, allow 24 hours for light damp mopping and 72 hours for wet cleaning.
2. Mohawk Group only approves the following initial maintenance methods and procedures. Other unapproved methods and procedures may cause poor visual appearance. Clean all grooves and the general area of dust and debris.
3. Never, at any time, buff Mohawk Group HVT Tile in excess of 350 RPM.

NOTE: Floors become slippery when wet and care must be taken. Appropriate barriers to wet areas and “warning / caution” placards should be used in all instances.

Initial Deep Scrub

1. To start the required initial deep scrub cleaning process, sweep or dust mop the floor to remove any large debris.
NOTE: Never use oil base treated dust mops.
2. Dilute Mohawk Group HVT Initial Deep Scrub Cleaner with cool clean water (1 part Cleaner to 10 parts water or 13 oz./gal.) and apply liberally to the area to be deep scrubbed.
3. Using the Mohawk Group Maroon Initial Deep Scrub Pad, agitate floor thoroughly with a low-speed rotary machine or automatic scrubber while ensuring the floor remains very wet with solution. At least 5 passes are required to properly deep scrub the floor – though more may be necessary depending on machine speed and site conditions.
NOTE: To enhance cleaning, place a “floater pad” (i.e a red pad) above the Initial Deep Scrub Pad before beginning the scrubbing process.
4. The Initial Deep Scrub Pad needs to be changed out every 1,000 square feet, or 500 square feet per side.
5. Pick up the solution with a wet vacuum, automatic scrubber, or a mop and bucket. Rinse with clear water only.
6. Allow the floor to dry completely.

Initial Surface Cleaning

1. Place the Mohawk Group Initial Surface Cleaning Pad (natural color, with black strands) onto a low speed floor machine.
2. Mist Mohawk Group HVT Initial Surface Cleaner over the area to be cleaned using the mist setting on a trigger sprayer. With the low-speed rotary machine, use the initial pass to evenly distribute the cleaner over the intended area to be surface cleaned (about 10’ x 10’ at a time) – then begin the buffing action.
3. Buff the area using an even back and forth motion. Approximately 5 passes per row should properly clean the surface but take extra passes to ensure complete surface uniformity. Continue the process until the surface of the entire area has been cleaned and is visually acceptable.
4. The Initial Surface Cleaning Pad needs to be changed out every 1,000 square feet, or 500 square feet per side.
5. If desired, repeating the Initial Surface Cleaning process a second time will ensure the cleaning is even which will optimize appearance.

Ongoing Maintenance Instructions

Ongoing maintenance using the following procedure is optional but recommended. Before utilizing alternate products and procedures, please consider the following:



1. HVT floors cannot be harmed by lack of maintenance, but no floor keeps itself clean. An ongoing maintenance program will be required. Though there are many ongoing maintenance products that can keep your HVT floor looking good, it is impossible for Mohawk Group to test and approve all methods. For ongoing maintenance, please be sure to use a commercial grade neutral pH cleaner.
2. Frequency of maintenance can be daily or on a periodic basis depending on visual requirements, traffic and other site specific environmental conditions.
3. No maintenance program should ever include high speed burnishing. Never, at any time, buff Mohawk group HVT Tile in excess of 350 RPM.

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Approved Periodic Maintenance Cleaning

1. Sweep or dust mop the floor to remove any large debris.
NOTE: Never use oil base treated dust mops.
2. Use a commercial grade neutral pH cleaner. Please follow manufacturer’s instructions. Damp mop or auto scrub using a generic red pad. Rinse as necessary and then allow to dry completely.

Rejuvenation

To achieve a deep rich luster and make any existing Mohawk Group HVT floor “look like new”, simply clean the floor using a commercial grade neutral pH cleaner and then apply a commercial grade Spray Buff solution. Please follow manufacturer’s instructions for how to apply. Specifically:

1. After using a commercial grade neutral pH cleaner and after the floor is completely dry and free of residue and other contaminants, mist a small area with a commercial grade Spray Buff using the trigger on the fine mist setting.
2. Buff the floor with a red or natural hair pad, using a slow even sweeping motion until desired appearance is obtained.

Optional Maintenance Finishes

For customers demanding enhanced aesthetics, with either high-gloss or satin finishes, a commercial grade acrylic floor finish may be used. Please follow manufacturer’s instructions for how to apply.