

**MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**



Prevention

The single greatest cause of damage to any flooring or floor finish is abrasion from dirt and grit. Wherever possible, use walk off mats at entrances and doorways. Vacuum or sweep the floor often to remove any dirt and grit.

General

Use standard Maintenance Industry safety practices and precautions whenever performing maintenance procedures.

Every application and every building can present its own unique set of problems which may require variations in the maintenance procedures. The following are general guidelines which will cover the majority of applications.

- If you feel your situation is not covered by these guidelines, please contact FloorFolio technical services for advice before beginning your maintenance procedures.
- Note: Floors will be slippery when wet or contaminated with foreign materials. Spills and foreign materials should be cleaned up immediately.

Initial Maintenance

Note: Do not begin initial maintenance for a minimum of 72 hours after installation is complete. This is to assure the adhesive has had sufficient time to dry and cure.

- Remove all surface soil, dirt, sand and grit by vacuuming or dust mopping.
- DO NOT STRIP THE FLOOR.
- Initial cleaning might require vinegar to remove the imbedded construction residue. There are several concentrated vinegar products available that might require dilution prior to use. Try in a small area to get the proper dilution for your situation. Rinse with clean water.
- For routine maintenance, scrub the floor with a neutral pH detergent such as; Johnson Diversey 'Stride', Taski 'Profi' or equivalent.
- Scrub the floor with rotary scrubber with scrubbing pad, or automatic scrubber with scrubbing pads.
- Pick up solution with a wet vac, rinse with clean water allow to dry.
- Spray buff or apply floor finish if desired.

Note: Because of its urethane surface coating, LVT does not require a floor finish to be applied, however, a floor finish might be desirable to aid in stain resistance, resistance to abrasion and increase gloss level. Essentially, a floor finish is a sacrificial wear layer. If you choose not to apply a finish, a periodic buffing system can be used to remove scratches and restore the gloss level if needed.

Daily Maintenance

Vacuum or dust mop to remove all surface soil, sand and grit.

Option 1 – Spray Buff System

- Spray Clean/Buff using a rotary buffing machine (175- 1500rpm) with a red or purple pad and a spraybuff solution such as Johnson Diversey 'Ultra Spray' or Taski 'P-44' or equivalent.

Option 2 – Wet Maintenance System

- Scrub or mop with neutral pH (7-8.5) detergent such as Johnson Diversey 'Stride' or Taski 'R-50' or equivalent. If the soil is grease or oil in nature use a degreasing detergent such as Johnson Diversey 'J-Shop' or Taski 'Profi' or equivalent.
- Apply cleaning solution with a mop and bucket (do not flood the floor, use as little water as possible) and scrub using a rotary scrubber with scrubbing pad or use automatic scrubber with scrubbing pad.
- Pick up solution with a wet vac. Rinse with clean water.

Scrub & Recoat

(If floor finish has been applied)

- Vacuum or dust mop to remove loose soil and debris.
- Using a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber do a heavy scrub with a scrubbing pad and a double strength of neutral pH detergent (7-8.5) such as Johnson Diversey 'Stride' or Taski 'R-50' or equivalent.
- Pick up solution with a wet vac.
- Rinse with clean water and allow to thoroughly dry.
- Apply 1-2 thin coats of floor finish following the initial.

Strip & Recoat

- Vacuum or dust mop to remove loose soil and debris.
- Using a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber do a heavy scrub with a scrubbing pad and stripper solution such as Johnson Diversey 'Freedom' or Taski 'Radical' or equivalent.
- Pick up solution with a wet vac.
- Apply 2-3 coats of desired floor finish.
- Rinse with clear water and allow to dry.

If a floor finish is desired:

Option 1 – Satin/Matte Shine

- Apply 2 thin coats of sealer such as Johnson Diversey 'Over and Under' or Taski 'Undercover' or equivalent.
- Apply 2-3 thin coats of high quality floor finish such as Johnson Diversey 'Carefree Matte' or Taski 'Vision Matte' or equivalent.
- Apply with a clean finish mop or finish applicator.
- Allow proper drying time between each coat.

Option 2 – High Gloss Shine

- Apply 2 thin coats of sealer such as Johnson Diversey 'Over and Under' or Taski 'Undercover' or equivalent.
- Apply 2-3 thin coats of high gloss quality floor finish such as Johnson Diversey 'Vectra' or Taski 'Ultra' or equivalent.
- Apply with a clean finish mop or finish applicator. Allow proper drying time between each coat.

CAUTION: Phenolic type disinfectants are very caustic and may cause adverse effects on the physical properties of the floor covering, including leaving a slippery residue which may cause a hazardous condition. If phenolics are used, after each application, thoroughly rinse the surface with clean water and wet vac up the solution. FloorFolio Industries does not recommend the use of phenolics and will not warranty any damage or harm caused by their use.



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