



## HOMOGENEOUS TILE AND SHEET MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

iQ™ Eminent, iQ Granit™, & iQ Optima®

### INTRODUCTION

Tarkett's iQ flooring solutions are produced with high quality raw materials, unique manufacturing process, and innovative surface treatments. This innovative technology produces a glass hard surface that requires only dry buffing to restore the original appearance and requires no polish and no floor finish for life.

These instructions are written as a guide to be used by professionals for the proper care and maintenance of the floor. Utilizing these guidelines, with the cleaning products listed below, will ease the maintenance process and provide the customer with a product that will perform to its intended purpose. Always visit [www.tarkettna.com](http://www.tarkettna.com) for the most current installation and maintenance instructions. Technical videos and tip sheets are also available. Contact Tarkett Technical Services at (800)-899-8916 with any questions.

### POST INSTALLATION / INITIAL CLEANING

**Job site conditions will cause grit and dirt to accumulate. Initial cleaning must not be performed until 72 hours after installation. However, it is necessary the floor be swept and protected until maintenance begins.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufacturer's label instructions.
4. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop, or pump type sprayer. **DO NOT FLOOD THE FLOOR.**
5. Let the cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes (dwell time is based on soil conditions of the floor). **DO NOT ALLOW THE SOLUTION TO DRY.**
6. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a 3M 5100 red pad or equivalent. In small areas, use a deck brush attached to a handle.
7. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
8. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
9. Allow the flooring to dry completely.  
**NOTE: The cleaning process may need to be repeated on heavily soiled floors.**

### PREVENTIVE CARE

1. An effective barrier matting system should be installed at all entrances to reduce cleaning costs and extend the life of the floor.
2. Protect the flooring from damage by using good quality protective glides and casters for chairs, tables, and other furniture using products designed for resilient floors. Caster or wheel damage, in work stations or similar environments, can be avoided with the use of chair pads.
3. Do NOT use steel wool, strong solvents (gasoline, turpentine, and acetone), or all-purpose cleaners (Lestoil, Top Job, etc. and similar products).
4. Do NOT use sweeping compounds or mops treated with petroleum solvents, silicone compounds or loose abrasives that damage the flooring.
5. Do NOT use disinfectant cleaners and insecticide sprays containing oil or solvents that may settle on the floor in sufficient quantity to discolor, cause slipperiness, and harm the flooring.

### ROUTINE / DAILY CLEANING

**It is very important to clean the flooring at a frequency consistent with the amount and type of traffic and soil conditions. Daily cleaning is recommended.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufacturer's label instructions.
4. Damp mop the cleaning solution onto the floor with a nylon or rayon mop. Be sure to wring the mop between each application. Or, use an auto scrubber (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a 3M 5100 red pad or equivalent. **DO NOT FLOOD THE FLOOR.**
5. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
6. Remove minor stains and scuffs in conjunction with the damp mopping. Use a white or red pad if required.

### PERIODIC / DEEP CLEANING

**When Routine / Daily Cleaning no longer provides adequate results, a more aggressive deep cleaning is required to thoroughly clean the floor.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufacturer's label instructions.
4. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop, or pump type sprayer. **DO NOT FLOOD THE FLOOR.**
5. Let the cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes (dwell time is based on soil conditions of the floor). **DO NOT ALLOW THE SOLUTION TO DRY.**
6. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a 3M 5100 red pad or equivalent. In small areas, use a deck brush attached to a handle.
7. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
8. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
9. Allow the flooring to dry completely.  
**NOTE: The cleaning process may need to be repeated on heavily soiled floors.**

### DRY BUFFING

1. Thoroughly clean the floor prior to beginning the buffing procedure.
2. Buff the floor using a single disc, high speed, rotary machine (maximum 1500 RPM) equipped with a 3M 4100 white buffing pad or equivalent.
3. Frequency of buffing will be determined by the amount and type of traffic.  
**NOTE: To avoid damage, care must be taken when dry buffing.**

Flooring may be maintained by following a conventional floor finish maintenance system if desired. Conventional floor finish maintenance systems require periodic stripping of the floor finish. Always follow the manufactures label instructions for proper application and use. The use of floor finish and stripper to maintain Tarkett iQ Tile and Sheet Flooring is optional and is not required.

### MAINTENANCE PRODUCT REFERENCE CHART

**NOTE: Always follow the manufactures label for proper mixing ratios and use.**

	Initial Cleaning	Daily Cleaning	Deep Cleaning
Buckeye www.buckeyeinternational.com 1-800-321-2583	Straight Up	Straight Up	Straight Up
	Buckeye Blue	Buckeye Blue	Buckeye Blue
Certified Green Products	Tenacity	True 7	Tenacity
Diversey www.diversey.com 1-800-558-2332	Profi	Profi	Profi
	Prominence	Prominence	Prominence
Certified Green Products	Stride	Stride	Stride
Spartan Chemical www.spartanchemical.com 1-800-537-8990	TriBase	TriBase	TriBase
	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner
Certified Green Products	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner
XL North www.xlnorth.com 1-888-530-2259	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner

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