

SOLID VINYL TILE MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

INTRODUCTION

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 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.

- 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.**
- 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 16 to 24 gauge nylon bristle brush, or a 3M 5100 red pad or equivalent. In small areas, use a deck brush attached to a handle. DO NOT USE BROWN OR BLACK PADS.
- 7. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
- 8. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
- 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 manufactures label instructions.
- 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 equipped with a 16 to 24 gauge nylon bristle brush, or a 3M 5100 red pad or equivalent. DO NOT FLOOD THE FLOOR.
 Allow the flooring to dry completely.

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.**
- 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.

- 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.
- 6. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 350 RPM) equipped with a 16 to 24 gauge nylon bristle brush, or a 3M 5100 red pad or equivalent. In small areas, use a deck brush attached to a handle. DO NOT USE BROWN OR BLACK PADS.
- 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.

Tarkett's Victory solid vinyl is a beautiful and unique flooring product. Each piece is an original, never to be repeated. The process used to manufacture each piece, allows us to provide vibrant colors and designs that would otherwise be unavailable in the market. Because each piece is handmade before being cut into tiles or planks, slight variation in color and gloss level is to be expected. This only adds to the originality of your new floor. If a more uniform gloss level is desired, the flooring may be maintained by following a conventional floor finish maintenance system.

Application of floor finish:

- 1. Perform a deep cleaning procedure as outlined above.
- 2. Select a floor finish suitable for use on resilient flooring. Refer to the maintenance product reference chart below.
- 3. Apply the floor finish to the floor according to the manufacturer's label instructions.
- 4. Refer to manufacturers label instructions for number of coats. Additional coats may be applied to achieve desired level of sheen
- 5. The floor finish must dry completely between coats.
- 6. Restrict all traffic until the floor finish has dried completely.

Floor Finish Removal: When the floors gloss level appears worn or uneven due to traffic the floor finish can be removed and reapplied to restore the floors appearance.

- 1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
- 2. Prepare a stripping solution using one of the recommended strippers identified on the reference chart below. Follow the manufacturer's label instructions for proper mixing ratios and use.
- **3.** Apply the stripping solution with a nylon or rayon mop, or pump type sprayer. DO NOT FLOOD THE FLOOR.
- 4. Let the stripping solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. DO NOT ALLOW THE SOLUTION TO DRY.

Application of Cleaner Maintainer: Used in lieu of a floor finish, provides additional protection to the flooring while easing the daily maintenance procedure.

- 1. Perform a Deep Cleaning as outlined above.
- 2. Select a recommended cleaner/maintainer from the maintenance product reference chart below.
- 3. In a clean mop bucket, prepare the solution by following the manufacturers label instructions. In highly trafficked areas the ratio may be increased up to 1:1.
- 4. Damp mop the solution onto the floor with a nylon or rayon mop.

- 5. Scrub the floor using a single-disc rotary machine (175-350 RPM) equipped with a 3M 5300 blue pad or equivalent. DO NOT USE **BROWN OR BLACK PADS.**
- 6. Remove the stripping solution with a wet vacuum or a mop.
- 7. Thoroughly rinse the floor and allow it to dry completely.
- 8. Repeat the stripping process if necessary.
- 9. Apply the new floor finish as outlined below.
- 5. Allow the floor to dry completely.
 - 6. Restrict all traffic until the floor has dried completely.
 - 7. Following the label instructions, the cleaner/maintainer may now be used in an auto-scrubber for daily cleaning in rotation with a pH neutral cleaner
- Removal of Cleaner Maintainer: When the floors gloss level appears worn or uneven, or when daily cleaning no longer provides satisfactory results, the cleaner/maintainer may be removed by following the removal instructions below.
 - 1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
 - 2. Prepare a stripping solution using one of the recommended strippers identified in the reference chart below. Follow the manufactures label instructions for proper mixing ratios and use.
- 3. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop, or pump type sprayer. DO NOT FLOOD THE FLOOR.
- 4. Let the stripping solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. DO NOT ALLOW THE SOLUTION TO DRY.
- 5. Scrub the floor using a single-disc rotary machine (175-350 RPM) equipped with a 3M 5300 blue pad or equivalent. DO NOT USE **BROWN OR BLACK PADS.**
- 6. Remove the stripping solution with a wet vacuum or a mop.
- 7. Thoroughly rinse the floor and allow it to dry completely.
- 8. Repeat the stripping process if necessary.
- 9. Apply the new cleaner maintainer as outlined above.

MAINTENANCE PRODUCT REFERENCE CHART
NOTE: Always follow the manufactures label for proper mixing ratios and use.

	Initial Cleaning / Deep Cleaning	Daily Cleaning	Cleaner Maintainers	Floor Finish	Stripper
Buckeye www.buckeyeinternational.com 1-800-321-2583	Straight Up	Crossroads	Crossroads	LiquiMax	Juggernaut
				Lucent	
Diversey www.diversey.com 1-800-558-2332	Profi	Profi		Signature	
	GP Forward	GP Forward	WiWax	Complete	Bravo 1500+
	Prominence	Prominence		High Mileage	
Certified Green Products		Stride		Aquaria	Pro Strip SC
Spartan Chemical www.spartanchemical.com 1-800-537-8990	Tribase	Tribase	Sun Swept	White Sun	Step Down
		Damp Mop		The Fixx	Endura Strip
Certified Green Products	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner		FloorFront	Green Solutions Floor Finish Remover
XL North www.xlnorth.com 1-888-530-2259	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL Rubber Floor Finish	XL 25	
				XL 18	XL FS
				XL UF	
				XL Matte	

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