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# **Cleaning Instructions**

#### **Post-Construction Maintenance**

- Sweep and or vacuum the floor thoroughly. Dry mop floor using a micro fiber mop pad, replace the pad often to ensure cleanliness.
- Spray a neutral PH cleaner, onto the floor in manageable areas (spray mist will dry quickly), and use a dry micro fiber mop to clean the misted area. If pad becomes dirty, be sure to replace it with a new one.
- Always rinse the floor by misting with water and mopping with a dry pad to remove any remaining residue.

# Process to remove construction residue or cloudy film from resilient flooring.

- 1. Using a microfiber mop pad, dry mop to remove any construction dust or exterior soil tracked onto the flooring. If mop pad gets dirty, replace it with a clean pad.
- 2. Spray neutral pH cleaner onto the floor in manageable areas (spray mist will dry quickly), clean floor in sections. For smooth surface, use a low rpm (175 rpm) buffer with a 3M red pad on flooring with a neutral pH cleaner to remove the residue film. Never dry buff. For embossed or textured flooring, use a cylindrical brush scrubber, such as the Clark MA10 12E Scrubber, and a neutral pH floor cleaner to remove the residue film.
- 3. Using a dry mop pad, rinse very lightly with water only to remove any remaining residue from the flooring. When damp mop pad becomes dirty, be sure to replace it. Repeat if necessary.

#### **Preventative Maintenance**

- Always protect floors when moving heavy objects to prevent permanent scratches and tears.
- Do not use tape to secure floor protection directly to the floor during construction or renovation. Instead, adhere tape to the material used to protect the floor and secure it to the base molding along the wall. A material such as ram board can also be used to protect your flooring.
- Use appropriate wide floor protectors under tables, chairs, and any other heavy home furnishings, in addition to chair pads under caster chairs to avoid permanent damage.
- Place chair pads underneath rolling chairs to prevent damage to the flooring.
- Walk-off mats should be used at all entrances to absorb soil and moisture. If mats are placed
  directly on top of the resilient floors, use mats without latex or rubber backings to avoid possible
  discoloration.
- Avoid direct sunlight on LVP flooring as it can cause fading and additional expansion of vinyl planks..
- Surface temperature should not exceed acceptable temperature ranges based on product category (65 – 85F PVC / WPC) (55 – 155F SPC). Exposing product to temperatures outside the recommended range could cause expansion of vinyl planks.

## Preventative Maintenance (cont.)

- Products containing bleach and steam mops are not recommended.
- Walk-off mats should be used at all entrances to absorb soil and moisture. If mats are placed directly on top of the resilient floors, use mats without latex or rubber backings to avoid possible discoloration.

## **Routine Maintenance**

 Daily removal of dirt and dust is important to prevent particles from abrading the surface of resilient floors. Sweeping, dust mopping, and vacuuming are recommendations to remove soil particles that can result in scratches and worn appearances. Do not use vacuums with rotating beater bars on hard surfaces.