

## Installation Accessories

### RUBBER TILE | TREADS

Well-planned maintenance programs consist of thorough dirt and grit control, removal of spills and stains and protection of the surface. Walk-off mats, sweeping, mopping and vacuuming all help in the control of loose dirt and grit. Damp mopping, spot cleaning and washing will remove most spills, soils and stains. The use of acrylic floor finishes is NOT recommended for Armstrong rubber tile and treads. Instead, a cleaning and maintenance emulsion which contains a small amount of synthetic wax or wax-like additive is applied to maintain or restore normal luster. The formulations of these Armstrong products contain self-releasing waxes that will migrate to the surface and help produce a natural luster. Regular adherence to maintenance programs will minimize maintenance costs and assure a longer, more attractive life for the floor.

#### CAUTION:

1. Do not wet wash, machine scrub or strip the floor for at least the first four days after installation. This is to prevent excess moisture from interfering with the adhesive cure and bond.
2. Do not use strong solvent-containing cleaners or other harsh chemicals such as turpentine or acetone.
3. Do not use stripping solutions like those commonly used on vinyl floor coverings.
4. Do not use black, brown, blue/green, red or beige maintenance pads, or other types of abrasive pads such as steel wool.
5. Do not use cleaning or polishing machines that exceed 350 rpm.

#### A. Initial Maintenance

##### Immediately After Installation

The removal of any adhesive on the face of the tile should be completed by the flooring contractor while the adhesive is fresh. If adhesive residue is still uncured or soft, remove with mineral spirits or warm water and a soft, clean cloth. If adhesive residue has been allowed to cure removal will be very difficult. The following steps may be helpful:

- Apply mineral spirits with a clean cloth.
- Allow to stand for five minutes.
- Gently chip off residue with a wooden or plastic spatula. Do not use steel wool or other types of abrasive pads or cleaners.
- Wipe dry and repeat if necessary.

Some dullness in the product's finish may result but will disappear with normal maintenance.

1. Sweep or dust mop thoroughly to remove all loose dirt, grit and soil.
2. Remove any ground-in soil and any residual manufacturing mold release agent by applying a properly diluted neutral (pH of 7 to 8) cleaning solution such as Taski® Profi, JohnsonDiversey JShop or equivalent. (Do not flood the floor.)

3. Allow the solution to stand for 5 to 10 minutes. DO NOT ALLOW THE SOLUTION TO DRY. Then scrub as follows:

Small installations—Use a deck brush

Large installations—Use a single or double brush floor scrubbing machine or automatic scrubber (150–300 rpm) equipped with a 22-gauge flagged nylon bristle brush or other suitable scrubbing brush.

4. Remove cleaning solution with a mop or wet vacuum.
5. Rinse with clean, cold water to remove residual spots or streaks.
6. When dry (2 to 3 hours), for added luster the floor may be buffed with a floor machine (speed not to exceed 350 rpm) using a polishing brush suitable for use on rubber flooring. Do not heel the machine.

**During the product's break-in period (30 days immediately following installation) it will undergo a maturing process whereby the natural, emerging waxes will begin and continue to migrate to the surface. It takes about a month for these waxes to migrate enough to attain a satisfactory luster. Special care should be taken to not "over clean" or use harsh detergents (high pH), which may reduce the emergence of the natural waxes. During this break-in period the normal luster may not be reached. The floor may have a tendency to "track" and require additional maintenance. To help utilize the built in waxes and provide a bright appearance, Armstrong recommends the use of a combination cleaner and maintainer such as Taski® WiWax, Johnson Diversey Revive or equivalent during this break-in period. After the floor has been thoroughly cleaned using the neutral pH detergent, a diluted solution of the combination cleaner and maintainer applied to the floor will enhance the appearance and make subsequent cleanings easier. See directions below under Preparation for Commercial Traffic for details.**

#### **Preparation for Commercial Traffic**

1. Sweep or vacuum thoroughly.
2. Apply Taski® WiWax, JohnsonDiversey Revive or equivalent as directed on the label.
3. Allow the solution to stand or soak for 5 to 10 minutes, agitate with the mop or scrub as needed, then remove the excess solution with a mop. DO NOT RINSE.
4. Let the floor dry completely.
5. When dry, the surface may be buffed to a uniform luster with a rotary floor machine (rpm not to exceed 350 rpm) using a polishing brush recommended for use on rubber flooring. The additives in the Taski® WiWax, Johnson Diversey Revive or equivalent will help in providing surface protection and gloss until the self-contained wax reemerges.

#### **B. Continuing Regular Maintenance**

1. Sweep or dust mop daily to remove dirt, grit and soil that can damage the floor and become ground into the surface. Use walk-off mats that are as wide as the doorway and long enough to trap dirt and moisture before traffic reaches the resilient floor. Remember to clean walk-off mats regularly.

2. As needed, using a properly diluted, neutral detergent solution as listed above, agitate or scrub as required using a mop, deck brush or single-disc machine/automatic scrubber equipped with a 22-gauge flagged nylon bristle brush or other suitable scrubbing brush.
3. Rinse with clean water and allow to dry.
4. When dry, the floor may be buffed to a uniform luster with a small rotary floor machine (rpm not to exceed 350) and a polishing brush suitable for use on rubber flooring. Small areas may be buffed with a clean towel, by hand, or with the towel wrapped around a broom.

**NOTE: To maintain the desired gloss, the application of Taski® WiWax, JohnsonDiversey Revive or equivalent as directed in Preparation for Commercial Traffic (above) may be used as needed or desired. This should only be done on floors that have been properly cleaned.**

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