

MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Maintenance

Your Armstrong floor has an impervious PVC wear layer which makes the floor tough and easier to clean. Effective maintenance of your flooring is common sense, all good maintenance procedures consist of thorough dirt and grit control, removal of spills and the protection of the floor surface. Walk off mats can help considerably reduce the amount of grit brought in by foot traffic, sweeping, mopping and vacuuming all help to control grit. Damp mopping, spot cleaning and washing will remove most spills and stains.

Initial cleaning after installation

- Remove all loose dirt by sweeping or vacuuming with suitable domestic vacuum cleaner (ensure the 'smooth flooring setting' is selected).
- Remove any residual adhesive from the surface following the adhesive manufacturers instructions.

Preparation for use

- Initial treatment with suitable emulsion polish will help protect the floor from marks and scratches, enhance the surface finish and make routine maintenance easier. Apply two coats according to the manufacturer's instructions. Only apply the second coat cross-directionally when the first has dried thoroughly.
- Damp mop the floor with a dilute neutral (pH 6-8) detergent solution, carefully removing black marks and excessive soil by gentle scrubbing with a non abrasive material.
- Rinse the floor and allow to dry.

Subsequent maintenance depends on the amount and type of traffic, the provision of adequate grit control and the maintenance equipment available.

Basic details are given below. More detailed instructions are available from Armstrong .

Regular Maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum the floor to remove all loose dirt and grit.
- Damp mop the floor with a solution of detergent recommended for vinyl flooring — always read the label to ascertain suitability and follow the manufacturers instructions for application.
- Rinse and allow to dry.
- Buff the floor with a dry soft mop or cloth.
- In high traffic areas it may be advisable to utilise a good quality floor polish — again, always read the label to ascertain suitability and follow the manufacturers instructions for application.

Caution

- Cigarettes and other hot objects of high temperature (>500°C) can scar the surface of the floor.
- Certain types of rubber should be avoided unless it is known they are non-staining. (e.g. rubber backed mats)
- Asphalt and bitumen type products are known to cause PVC to yellow. Care must be taken to avoid stains from these types of products, e.g. residue trodden in from newly laid drives, roads etc.

Important

Please note that all smooth flooring can be slippery when wet. All necessary precautions should be taken when maintaining flooring of this type. All spillages should be removed as soon as possible.