

Cushioned floor Maintenance Guide

General maintenance

The amount of daily usage will determine how often cleaning is required.

- Sweep as necessary with a soft broom. Care must be taken if you use a vacuum cleaner.
- Wipe over with a clean damp mop or cloth, which should be rinsed frequently in clean water. **(Remember that all floors are liable to be slippery when wet.)**
- When necessary wash with a solution of clean water and mild detergent or domestic floor cleaning solution*. Rinse thoroughly and soak up residual water.
- Spots, marks and spillages should be wiped up as soon as possible.
- Cushioned floors with an additional protective coating such as Armstrong Rhinoguard or Rhinogrip **do not require polish**. Other cushioned floors without these coatings will require polishing to protect the floor's surface from staining agents and to give a surface shine. For such floors apply a liquid emulsion floor polish** immediately after installation and thereafter at 3 or 6 monthly intervals as required. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using a floor polish or cleaner.

***Do not use:** Cream or abrasive cleaners. Wire or nylon wool scouring pads. Bleach or strong detergents. Furniture polish. Spirit based polish. Powder or liquid abrasives.

**** Always follow the manufacturer's instructions, and check that the polish is suitable for use with cushioned vinyl floorcoverings.**

Protecting your floor

From Physical Damage:

Avoid the following

- Indentation marks from high pressure points, for example, cookers, washing machines and other appliances; these can be placed on hardboard sheets or castor cups.
- Stiletto heels will damage the flooring.
- Tear or scuff damage can result from dragging heavy appliances across the floor. This can be avoided by placing a sheet of hardboard beneath such units before repositioning them.
- Sharp objects can puncture the surface of the floor.
- Hot or burning objects may scorch or blister the surface of the floor.
- Abrasion from grit can be prevented by placing a doormat by external doorways. This will also reduce unnecessary cleaning *see point below.

From Stain Damage

Avoid the following:

- *Rubber backing on doormats may result in yellow discolouration of the floor immediately beneath. Choose a natural fibre mat in preference.
- Rubber feet on furniture may cause staining. Remove them altogether or place coasters between them and the floor.
- Spirit-based products such as shoe polish, solvents, hair dye and permanent marker pens. Wipe up spots and marks as quickly as possible. Also applies to turmeric, mustard and strongly coloured foodstuffs.
- Corrosive substances such as acid and alkaline solutions can damage the surface of the floor, clean up any spills quickly and carefully avoiding direct with the substance.
- Bitumen/tar from freshly resurfaced or melted roads and pathways. Some inexpensive rubber shoe (and slipper) soles can also cause stains over time.