

## Vinyl Sheet Maintenance Guidelines

Proper care is essential to the appearance and longevity of vinyl sheet flooring. Protect and extend the life of your floors by following these Interface-approved guidelines, which include normal cleaning devices such as a wet vacuum, wet mop, or microfiber mop.

### Required Cleaning Equipment

- Wet mop, microfiber mop, wet vacuum, and a floor scrubber
- 3M™ #5100 (Red) or nora® pad 0 cleaning pads
- DoodleBug™ pad holder with a red pad
- A neutral cleaning solution diluted as per the manufacturer's mixing instructions

### Precautions

- NEVER use products that can damage the surface of your vinyl sheet. These include powdered cleaners, metal bristle brushes, or steel wool.
- Do not flood floor with water or liquid cleaners, and do not allow puddles of water to remain on floor.
- Resilient flooring, like other types of smooth surface flooring can become slippery when wet. Allow time for the floor to dry after washing. Always use wet floor signs and/or caution tape when performing any wet cleaning.

### Initial Maintenance after Installation

Wait 72 hours from the completion of installation to clean floor.

- Wet mop the floor using a neutral cleaning solution diluted as per the manufacturer's mixing instructions.
- Scrub the floor thoroughly with a floor scrubber using a 3M™ #5100 (Red) or nora pad 0 cleaning pad. Use a DoodleBug™ pad holder with a red pad for wall base cleaning and in areas where floor scrubbing machines do not reach.
- Wet vacuum the soiled solution, rinse the floor with clean water and allow it to dry.

### Preventative Measures

#### Walk Off Carpet / Mats

- Protect your flooring and reduce dry soil by using walk off carpet or mats 8-10 feet from exterior entrances to rooms. Placing walk off mats at other high traffic areas can also help protect your vinyl sheet.

#### Furniture

- Use appropriate protectors under furniture. These should be soft glides, such as nylon, felt or Teflon, specifically designed to protect the hard surface from scratches or damage to the wear layer.
- Rolling chairs must be provided with soft wheels.

#### Precautions

- Long-term exposure to rubber can damage the vinyl sheet. We recommend avoiding mats with a rubber lining, rubber furniture legs or rubber wheels.
- Always use care when moving heavy objects to prevent permanent scratches and tears.
- Be careful with equipment and heavy objects that can damage the floor when dropped.

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## Daily Maintenance

Regular cleaning will keep your floors looking newer longer.

- Dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove dust and dirt.
- Damp mop or auto scrub the floor using a 3M™ #5100 (Red) or nora pad 0 cleaning pad with a neutral cleaner diluted as per the manufacturer's mixing instructions. Use a DoodleBug™ pad holder with a red pad for wall base cleaning and in areas where floor scrubbing machines do not reach.

Note: Mopping with a microfiber mop promotes better dirt removal.

## Periodic Maintenance

Periodically restore your floor with the appropriate procedure as needed.

- Dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove dust and dirt.
- Wet mop the floor using a neutral cleaning solution diluted as per the manufacturer's mixing instructions. Allow the solution a minimum dwell time of 10 minutes.
- Scrub the floor thoroughly with a floor scrubber using a 3M™ #5100 (Red) or nora pad 0 cleaning pad. Use a DoodleBug™ pad holder with a red pad for wall base cleaning and in areas where floor scrubbing machines do not reach.
- Wet vacuum the soiled solution, rinse the floor with clean water and allow it to dry.

Note: Apply floor finish periodically when needed, especially in high traffic areas. It is recommended to wait at least 6 months after installation. Please contact the Technical Department (see Contact Info section) with questions.

## Vinyl Sheet to LVT / Rubber Transition Maintenance

All spills should be addressed immediately to avoid staining and hazards to occupants.

- Cleaning protocol is as directed for vinyl sheet maintenance.

## Vinyl Sheet to Carpet Transition Maintenance

- Use caution when cleaning areas where vinyl sheet and modular carpet tiles are installed side-by-side. Do not use maintenance routines or equipment on floors for which the guidelines are not intended. Do not use a floor scrubber over carpet as the motion could fray the carpet fibers. Do not use a carpet extractor over vinyl sheet as the metal could scratch the vinyl sheet.
- Using routines and equipment on floors the maintenance guidelines are not intended for could cause damage to the products and/or equipment and void the product warranty.

## Precautions

- Refer to SDS for personal protective equipment requirements before using cleaning products.
- Never use grit brushes, or black, brown or 3M™ diamond cleaning pads.
- Follow facility's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

## References:

<https://www.interface.com/US/en-US/about/modular-system/Maintenance-Instructions>