

Contract Vinyl Tile Maintenance

Approved Cleaners

Spartan Chemicals Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner, Spartan Chemicals Clean by Peroxy, Johnson Stride, Taski Profi

Flexco Contract Vinyl Tile is a low maintenance product that does not require waxes or finishes. Lack of regular or routine maintenance will diminish the look and appearance of the flooring.

Initial Maintenance

- Allow 72 hours after installation for proper curing of the adhesives and/or heat welds
- Remove any coverings used to for floor protection after installation prior to cleaning
- Sweep, dust mop and/or vacuum floor to remove any dirt or particulates accumulated on the floor
- Clean the floor with a high quality Neutral pH cleaner by preparing cleaner according to directions on bottle for a medium duty cleaning
- Using a **Swing Single Disc Scrubber**, apply the cleaning solution to the area and allow the cleaning solution to stand for approximately 10-15 minutes, while not allowing the solution to dry. Scrub the area using 180-360 RPM with a 3M 5300 Blue Cleaner Pad while wet
- Wet vacuum or mop up residue
- Rinse with clean, cool water and allow flooring to dry thoroughly
- Dry Scrub the area using 180-360 RPM with a 3M 5100 Red Cleaner Pad while dry
- Rinse with clean, cool water and allow flooring to dry thoroughly
- Burnish using a 180-360 RPM with a 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pad while dry to create a shine
- If greater shine is desired, burnish using a 1500 RPM Burnishing Machine* with a 3M 3100 Aqua Burnishing Pad

Daily Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop and/or vacuum floor to remove any dirt or particulates accumulated on the floor
- Remove any spills or other large deposits of dirt and / or debris
- Spot clean any stains by mopping Neutral pH cleaner mixed for general cleaning

Regular Maintenance

Keep in mind, if the appearance of the flooring becomes unacceptable; this procedure may require completion more frequently to provide acceptable appearances.

- Sweep, dust mop and/or vacuum floor to remove any dirt or particulates accumulated on the floor
- Clean the floor with a high quality Neutral pH cleaner by preparing cleaner according to directions on bottle for a general duty cleaning
- If using a **Swing Single Disc Scrubber**, apply the cleaning solution to the area and allow the cleaning solution to stand for approximately 10-15 minutes, while not allowing the solution to dry. Scrub the area using 180-360 RPM with a 3M 5100 Red Cleaner Pad while wet
- If using an **Auto Scrubber**, scrub the area using Red Cleaner pads. Apply the cleaning solution without removing with one pass; allow to stand for approximately 10-15 minutes, while not allowing the solution to dry. Scrub a second time and remove the solution
- Wet vacuum or mop up residue
- Rinse with clean, cool water and allow flooring to dry thoroughly
- Burnish using a 180-360 RPM with a 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pad while dry to create a shine
- If greater shine is desired, burnish using a 1500 RPM Burnishing Machine* with a 3M 3100 Aqua Burnishing Pad

*The use of a 1500 RPM Burnishing Machine will show any irregularities in the substrate, this is not a defect in the flooring.

The use of a highly alkaline, highly acidic or solvent-base cleaners or products will remove color from the flooring or degrade the flooring prematurely. **DO NOT** use sweeping or cleaning agents containing oil or solvents. **DO NOT** allow the solution to work its way beneath the flooring which could result in an adhesive failure. **Caution:** When wet, flooring will become slippery; therefore, use the appropriate warning signs on the floor to eliminate foot or other traffic.

Floor Finishes

If decision is made to apply a floor finish to the Contract Vinyl Tile, use a premium quality finish designed for Vinyl Flooring. At that point, the maintenance process changes and becomes about maintaining the finish. The above process will still apply and can be used, but Flexco recommends contacting the finish manufacturer for recommendations for maintaining the applied finish.

Floor Protection Devices

- When moving in appliances or heavy furniture, it is always wise to protect the floor from scuffing and tears by using something to protect the floor
- Use floor protectors under furniture or fixtures to reduce indentation; as a rule of thumb, the heavier the item the wider the floor protection device needed
- Place walk-off mats at outside entrances manufactured with non-staining backs to prevent discoloration