

RECOMMENDED CLEANERS, FINISHES & FINISH REMOVERS

Cleaners:

Excelsior NC-900 Neutral Cleaner – A pH neutral, all-purpose cleaner for the initial and daily cleaning of all Rubber and Vinyl Resilient floor coverings

Excelsior CM-910 Cleaner / Maintainer – A pH neutral, biodegradable cleaner and maintainer for the daily cleaning or long-term preservation of rubber floor coverings.

There are many maintenance products available today for the commercial environment; we cannot test each available product for fitness of use. We have thoroughly tested these products and recommend their use. If you have a question regarding the fitness of use of other products, please contact customer service or technical services at solutions@rhctechical.com.

1. POST-INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- Prior to acceptance of this document refer to www.flexcofloors.com to confirm the most current revision.
- Prior to moving furniture or heavy equipment, sweep the floor and cover with an appropriate protective product, such as Masonite, Ram Board or equivalent, to prevent scuffing and scratching that may not come out during the maintenance procedures.
- **DO NOT** use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.
- **DO NOT** use highly alkaline or acidic cleaners.
- **DO NOT** use harsh detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” type products, as these will damage, soften or discolor the flooring material.
- **DO NOT** use sweeping compounds or cleaning agents containing oils or solvents.
- **DO NOT** scrub, buff or mop the area per the adhesives traffic limits (48-72 hours) to allow proper curing of the adhesive used in installation.
- **DO NOT** allow excess amounts of water to sit on floor for extended periods of time.
- **DO NOT** allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring material, as this can result in an adhesive and/or installation failure.
- **DO NOT** use any chemistry that is above a 10.5 pH on rubber flooring, it will cause severe damage and discoloration.

2. INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Ensure that adhesive has cured for recommended period of time prior to conducting initial maintenance.

Remove any protective coverings prior to cleaning.

Sweep or use a dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris.

Do not use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.

Do not use detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” type products, these can soften, damage or discolor the flooring material.

Mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 Neutral Cleaner per gallon of clean, potable water. Use a clean mop or pump-up sprayer to apply cleaning solution to the area and let stand for 5-10 minutes.

If using a low-speed rotary floor machine (175 – 350 RPM), scrub the floor while wet using a Mal-Grit Scrub Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad. Brushes will work better for textured surfaces.

If using an auto-scrubber, scrub floor while wet using a Mal-Grit Scrub Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad. If flooring is heavily soiled, allow cleaner to remain on surface for an additional 5-10 minutes before scrubbing and removing.

Use an auto-scrubber, wet vacuum or clean mop to remove any and all excess cleaning solution. Rinse area with clean, cool water and allow floor to dry entirely. Ensure flooring area is clean and that all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require additional rinsing).

We do not recommend or require a finish to be applied to this product. However, we do understand that on occasion this may occur. If a finish is applied, do not apply finish to areas that may be exposed to heavy weights or high/heavy impact.

3. DAILY MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting daily maintenance. Sweep or use dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris. Do not use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.

Mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 per gallon of clean, potable water. Use a clean mop to clean spills, dirt buildup and other debris.

Allow floor to dry before allowing foot traffic.

4. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting routine maintenance. Sweep or use dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris.

Mix 4-6 ounces of Excelsior CM-910 per gallon of clean, potable water. Use a clean mop or pump-up sprayer to apply cleaning solution to the area and let stand for 5-10 minutes.

If using a low-speed rotary floor machine (175 – 350 RPM), scrub the floor while wet using a Mal-Grit Scrub Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad. Brushes will work better for textured surfaces.

If using an auto-scrubber, scrub floor while wet using a Mal-Grit Scrub Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad. If flooring is heavily soiled, allow cleaner to remain on surface for an additional 5-10 minutes before scrubbing and removing.

Use an auto-scrubber, wet vacuum or clean mop to remove any and all excess cleaning solution. Rinse area with clean, cool water and allow floor to dry entirely. Ensure flooring area is clean and that all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require additional rinsing).

5. FLOORING PROTECTION

Protect newly installed flooring with construction grade paper or protective boards, such as Masonite or Ram Board, to protect flooring from damage by other trades. Do not slide or drag pallets or heavy equipment across the new flooring. Limit usage and foot traffic according to the adhesive's requirements. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, protect flooring from scuffing and tearing using temporary floor protection.

All furniture casters must be made of a soft material and must have a contact point of at least 1" in width to limit indentation and flooring damage. All rolling chairs or seating must have a resilient flooring chair pad installed over the finished floor to protect floor covering.

All fixed furniture legs must have permanent felt or soft rubber floor protectors installed on all contact points and to reduce indentation. Floor protectors must have a flat contact point of at least 1 sq. in. or 1 in. diameter and must cover the entire bottom surface of the furniture leg.

Ensure all furniture castors and chair legs are clean and free of any and all dirt and debris. Routinely clean chair castors and furniture legs to ensure that dirt or debris has not built up or become embedded in castors or floor protectors. Replace chair castors and floor protectors at regular intervals, especially if they become damaged or heavily soiled.

Place walk-off mats at outside entrances. Ensure mats are manufactured with non-staining backs to prevent discoloration.