

MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDED SPECIFICATION FOR CLEANING AND FINISHING

ACTIVA™ Rubber Flooring is a 100% synthetic rubber flooring product, formulated with the finest materials and manufactured with the most advanced process. It has been developed to render long term service, while offering one of the most resilient surfaces.

In order to receive full value, it is important that proper maintenance procedures are followed.

The following instructions will cover:

- Initial cleaning
- Application of floor finish (a recommended procedure to facilitate the ongoing maintenance, reduce maintenance costs and improve the look of the floor).
- Regular maintenance

CAUTION:

- *If any adhesive is on the floor it should be removed as soon as possible, before the adhesive starts to cure.*
- *Remove adhesive spills when the adhesive is still wet by using a wet cloth dampened with water. If the excess and spills of adhesive have cured and are hard, although their removal is very difficult, the following procedure may be helpful.*
 - a. *Apply methylated spirits with a cloth, to try and soften the adhesive.*
 - b. *Allow the wet cloth to stay on the affected area for at least five minutes.*
 - c. *Using either a wooden or plastic spatula, chip off the adhesive.*

Do not use steel wool or abrasive pads; this will permanently damage the surface. A general dullness may result from the process of removing adhesive from the surface. If the natural luster does not return, the floor may have to be cleaned and an application of floor finish may be necessary.

- *DO NOT USE STRONG SOLVENT CLEANERS, PETROL, TURPENTINE OR ACETONE. THE USE OF THESE PRODUCTS CAN CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE.*
- *DO NOT USE SCRUBBING PADS OR DISKS.*
- *DO NOT USE BUFFING PADS.*
- *DO NOT USE HIGH SPEED BUFFING MACHINES OR SCRUBBERS ABOVE 350RPM.*
- *DO NOT USE HIGH ACRYLIC FINISH MATERIAL.*

GENERAL CLEANING (New installation and regular maintenance).

1. Allow 72 hours for the adhesive to cure prior to the cleaning of the floor.
2. Sweep and vacuum all surface dirt.
3. For initial cleaning use a recommended cleaning product and follow the manufacturer's instructions for dilution rates.
4. Scrub the area for four to five minutes using a single or double brush, low RPM floor scrubbing machine.
5. The recommended brush is a flagged soft nylon bristle brush.
6. Wet vacuum or mop up solution.
7. Rinse with cold water and vacuum up all rinse water. When an automatic floor cleaning machine with a vacuum is used, it usually will remove the cleaner residue in one rinsing. If removed by the mop method, a second rinsing may be necessary.
8. When an automatic dispensing floor cleaning and vacuum machine will be used, proceed as follows:-
 - a. Mix solution as described on container.
 - b. Be sure that the brushes are correct, as recommended above.
 - c. Apply solution to the floor with brushes rotating. Leave the cleaning chemical on the floor (do not use the built in vacuum when applying the cleaning chemical).
 - d. After the cleaning chemical has been applied, go over the area with the brushes and vacuum the cleaning chemical from the floor. Once the cleaning chemical has been removed, the brushes and machine should then be cleaned out, removing the soapy water and filling with clean water. Then the floor should be rinsed. When rinsing, clean water should be applied to the floor with the brushes and vacuum working in one action.
9. Once the floor has been cleaned and properly rinsed, one of the two following systems should be used to further enhance the appearance of the floor.
 - a) Using the same brushes from the cleaning process, the floor can be dry buffed to achieve a higher luster. It is imperative that the brushes are rinsed and allowed to dry before buffing. (If the dry buff method is selected it is advisable to have an extra set of brushes to be used exclusively for dry buffing).
 - b) The floor can be finished using a recommended manufacturer's floor finish. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for application of the floor finish.

If the use of a floor finish is desired, it is very important that all cleaning chemical residue be removed and it may be necessary to double rinse before applying the Floor Finish. The Floor Finish will last for a long period (six months – 1 year). It is recommended that when the finished product starts to wear, the finish should be stripped from the floor. To achieve this, strip back existing floor finish by using and following the instructions of a recommended manufacturer's floor cleaning product.

After the floor is rinsed and it has dried, be sure that all old finish has been removed prior to applying a new coat of finish. Re-clean those areas where any old finish remains before applying the new finish. Apply the floor finish material as instructed on the label. Allow the finish to completely set prior to putting the area back into service.

SPOT CLEANING

- Spray a mild solution (like Windex) on the area to be cleaned.
- Wipe clean with a soft, dry cloth.
- Buff area by hand with a clean, soft cloth towel.

GUM REMOVAL

- Spray commercial gum removal solvent on the gum only, or use an ice pack to freeze the gum.
- Remove the gum with a wooden or plastic spatula.
- Clean the area and hand buff with a soft cloth or towel.

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