

What You Need to Know

Although resilient floors are durable, all floor coverings require some care to look their best, and many problems can be prevented before they occur. The amount and type of traffic on your floor will determine the frequency of maintenance required. The type of floor and even the color will have some bearing on how much care may be necessary. For example, solid-colored floors will show scuffs, scratches, dirt, and general wear to a greater degree than multi-colored or patterned floors. Staining is obviously more visible on white or light floors than it is on darker options. For this reason, the amount of care and preventative maintenance should be particularly emphasized with both solid-colored and light-colored floors.

Proper Steps to Maintain Your Resilient Floors

1. Lightly damp-mop with ready-to-use Hard Surface Cleaner. Carefully scrub to remove scuffs and excessive soil. Certain types of rubber heel marks may be removed by rubbing with a cloth dampened in mineral spirits.
2. Resilient floors have a strong resistance to stains and are not affected by most common household spills. However, any spill should be cleaned up immediately. The longer the spill remains on the floor, the greater the risk of permanent staining.
3. Do not use vinegar as a cleaning agent on resilient products. Wet-mop as part of routine maintenance using ready-to-use Hard Surface Cleaner.
4. Remember, the most effective part of any floor maintenance program is the simplest: sweep, dust-mop, or vacuum your resilient flooring daily for best results.
5. Do not flood floor, subject to frequent standing water, or use in high-moisture areas. Flood mopping, hosing, and frequent spills can loosen adhesive. Do not use hardwood floor cleaning machines or steam cleaners.
6. Prevent indentations and scratches by using glass, plastic, or other non-staining cups (with flat undersurfaces no less than 2" in width) for the legs of heavy furniture or appliances. Equip swivel-type office chairs and rolling furniture with broad surface, non-staining casters at least 2" in diameter. Remove small diameter buttons from the legs of straight chairs and replace with metal glides that have bearing surfaces not less than 1" in diameter.
7. Protect your floor against burns from ashes, embers, matches, cigarettes, and other extremely hot items.
8. Protect your floor from tracked-in-dirt and grit particles by using non-staining mats at every outside entrance. Take time to remove any imbedded grit particles from shoe soles before entering the room. Avoid tracking in tar or asphalt from driveways, as they can discolor vinyl. Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats, as certain rubber compounds can permanently stain vinyl. Avoid the use of stiletto heels on your floor, as they can cause permanent damage. Do not use vinegar, one-step cleaners/polishes, or oil soaps on resilient products.
9. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. During peak sunlight hours, the use of the drapes or blinds is recommended. Prolonged direct sunlight can result in discoloration, and excessive temperatures might cause tile expansion.