

General Information

Proper and regular maintenance is necessary to protect and prolong the life of the floor. A good maintenance routine involves the following:

- Frequent sweeping, mopping or vacuuming to control loose soil and grit.
- Prompt removal of stains and spills
- Polishing to protect the floor surface and add gloss.

Always use a quality name and product and follow manufacturer recommendations to ensure the best results. Restrict traffic when cleaning, waxing or stripping due to the possibility of slipping. Use protective runways when moving heavy objects, even if equipped with wheels, to avoid causing adhesive displacement, marring, or gouging of the tile.

Maintenance for a Newly Installed Floor

- Do not wash or scrub the floor for at least 4 or 5 days after installation to allow the floor tiles to bond to the underlayment/subfloor.
- Keep heavy furniture and equipment off the floor for at least 48 hours to allow the adhesive to set.
- Sweep or vacuum thoroughly, and remove any residual adhesive with a clean white cloth dampened with mineral spirits.
- Apply a minimum of 2 coats of a high quality cross-linked acrylic floor polish to temporarily protect the floor until regular maintenance procedures can begin.

Preparation For Commercial Use

1. Scrub the floor using a good quality non-alkaline floor cleaner and a floor machine of 170-250 rpm equipped with a green or blue scrubbing pad.
2. Heavily soiled or scratched floors may be stripped, following the same procedure as for scrubbing, but using a floor stripping detergent.
3. Thoroughly rinse the floor (avoid flooding the floor) and allow the floor to dry completely.
4. Apply 3-5 coats* of a high-quality, cross-linked acrylic floor polish, allowing sufficient drying time (At least 30 minutes) between applications.

**TIP: Maintenance conditions vary. Contact the polish manufacturer to determine the specific recommendations for polishing based upon your equipment, schedule, traffic and desired gloss level.*

Regular Maintenance

1. Clean floor frequently with a treated (non-oily) dust mop or clean, soft push broom.
2. Damp mop the floor, as required, using a dilute, neutral-detergent solution. Light scrubbing with an automatic floor machine may be required in heavily soiled areas.
3. Rinse the floor with clean water and allow to dry completely.
4. After damp mopping or light scrubbing, spray buffing or high speed burnishing may be performed to restore gloss.

Spray Buffing

Spray buff only when a solid base coat of at least 3 coats of polish already exists on the floor. Spray buff using a diluted floor polish (7%-8% solids) or a spray buffing compound. Before the liquid is dry, buff with a floor machine equipped with a white or tan buffing pad or a soft brush at 170-1100 rpm. After buffing the liquid dry, a thin, glossy film remains which protects the base coat of polish, reducing the need for stripping. Heavy traffic areas may need extra coats of polish on a more frequent basis.

High Speed Burnishing

CAUTION: Operators of ultra-high-speed burnishing machines should be well-trained. Careless or improper use of these machines can result in severe and extensive damage to the floor.

Ensure that the floor is free of all loose dirt and debris. High-speed burnishing utilizes a machine of 900 to 2000 rpm capacity. It is a dry buffing procedure performed on a floor already coated with at least 4 coats of polish specifically formulated for burnishing. This base coat should be periodically rebuilt by recoating to compensate for loss of finish from this operation. The machine should be operated in a straight line, with a push-pull method, rather than a sweeping motion. When the floor appearance no longer responds to high-speed burnishing thoroughly clean the floor and apply gloss restorer, spray buff or recoat the original finish (refer to Preparation For Commercial Use).

Stripping

Use of high quality maintenance products and regular adherence product to a quality maintenance program will greatly reduce the need for stripping. Strip floors only when necessary. Follow the manufacturer's label recommendations for proper dilution, use, clean-up and disposal of stripper.

CAUTION: High solvent content strippers (no-rinse/no-scrub) must not be used on tile floors installed less than two years.

Apply stripper liberally with a clean mop and allow it to penetrate into the floor finish for several minutes (without allowing it to dry). Scrub the floor with a single disc floor machine equipped with a red, green, or blue pad at 175 - 300 rpm. Remove all stripping solution with a squeegee and wet vacuum or a damp mop. Immediately rinse floor with clear water, and remove rinse water with a squeegee and wet vacuum or damp mop. Allow the floor to dry completely, then reapply polish (refer to section Preparation For Commercial Use).

Limited 5-Year Commercial Warranty for Manufacturing Defects and Wear

The following warranty applies to all first quality Mannington Commercial Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT) products when installed in accordance with Mannington Professional Installation Guide.

The Mannington Commercial Vinyl Composition Tile floor you purchase is guaranteed free from defects resulting from the manufacturing process for a period of five years from the original purchase date.

If there is a manufacturing defect in the floor and it is reported within the first year from original purchase date, Mannington will authorize repair or replacement at no charge and will pay for reasonable labor costs.

If there is a manufacturing defect in the floor and it is reported in the third, fourth or fifth year from the original date, Mannington will authorize repair or replacement of the defective material, but will not cover labor costs.

The Mannington Commercial Vinyl Composition Tile floor you purchase is guaranteed not to wear through within five years of the original purchase date.

Because Essentials and Inspirations are through-pattern tile, wear is defined as wear through the complete product down to the underlayment or underfloor.

If the floor should wear through and it is reported within the first year of the original purchase date, Mannington will authorize repair or replacement at no charge and will pay for reasonable labor costs.

If the floor should wear through and it is reported in the second year from the original purchase date, Mannington will authorize repair or replacement and will pay 50% of reasonable labor costs.

If the floor should wear through and it is reported in the third, fourth or fifth year from the original purchase date, Mannington will authorize repair or replacement of the defective material but will not cover labor costs.

Mannington's obligations under this warranty are subject to the exclusions stated below.

There are no implied warranties, including merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose and fitness for a particular purpose, extending beyond the term of this written warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the preceding sentence may not apply to you.

Excluded from Limited 5-Year Commercial Warranty

- Dissatisfaction due to non-recommended installation practices. Mannington installation instructions are available from your dealer or from Mannington.
- Any damage such as burns, stains (including those caused by rubber backed mats), cuts scratches, scuffs, gouges, indentations, including lack of or improper floor protection or furniture rests, staining caused by tracked-in dyes from carpet, fertilizers, tar or asphalt driveway sealers or oil drippings, fading and discoloration from prolonged, excessive exposure to sunlight or heat, and

damage caused by other abuse or accident.

- Problems caused by uses contrary to Mannington recommendations.
- Variations in color, shade or decoration from printed illustrations or samples.
- Labor on material installed with obvious defects.
- Mannington warranties do not cover labor costs on repair or replacement of material which was not originally professionally installed.
- Loss of gloss, or film build-up due to improper maintenance.
- Any bond failure of Mannington Commercial VCT resulting from improper adhesive selection or application.
- Damage from narrow tipped heels.
- Problems due to moisture, mildew, alkaline substances, or hydrostatic pressure in the underfloor.

Warranty Claims

If there is a claim under this warranty, you must immediately provide written notice, together with proof of purchase, to the flooring contractor from whom the floor was purchased. This notice must be received by the flooring contractor within five years from the date of purchase.

The flooring contractor will notify Mannington's distributor who will arrange inspection of the floor or to review the complaint with the flooring contractor. Should this inspection or review indicate an obligation the part of Mannington, such obligation will be satisfied through your flooring contractor.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All warranties apply to the original user and are not transferable under any conditions. If a Mannington Commercial VCT floor is replaced under warranty the replacement floor will be an equivalent Mannington Commercial VCT product and will be warranted under the terms of this warranty for the balance of the five-year life of the original warranty.

This warranty is in lieu of all other express warranties. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Mannington will not be liable for indirect, special, incidental, consequential, or other damages of any kind, no matter what the cause. Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the exclusion in the preceding sentence may not apply to you.

For more information please call 1-800-241-2262, or Mannington Commercial Facts On Demand at 1-800-FLOOR-85, or write to Mannington Resilient Floors, P.O. Box 30, Salem, NJ 08079

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