

## SMOOTH COMMERCIAL RUBBER FLOORING

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These maintenance guidelines aim to provide basic care instructions for smooth commercial rubber flooring like Granito, Harmoni, Kayar, Massetto, Natura and Uni that all have a factory applied low-gloss UV cured coating to facilitate maintenance. You do not need to apply any special coatings.

For optimal results and an extended useful life, we recommend that you personalize your maintenance regimen to meet your facility's individual needs based on square footage, events & increased traffic, available resources & equipment, etc.

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### WET MAINTENANCE

**INITIAL WASH.** You will need to thoroughly wash your new resilient flooring remove any production residue and/or construction dust before you begin using it. The initial wash can be done using a floor scrubber (fastened with a **red pad**) and neutral floor cleaner, no sooner than a minimum of 72 hours after the resilient flooring has been fully installed.

**DEEP CLEANING.** It is recommended that you periodically deep-clean your rubber flooring. Deep cleaning can occur quarterly, during school breaks, after events, etc.; determine what is appropriate for your type of facility and use. Deep cleaning is performed with the aid of a floor scrubber (fastened with a **red pad**). Use of a degreaser or heavy duty cleaner may be prescribed, depending on the overall appearance of the resilient flooring.

**REGULAR WASHES.** Daily vacuuming/dust mopping is highly recommended. Perform washes at desired frequency, but no less than once weekly. If you perform frequent washes, opt for a specialized daily-formulated floor cleaner that is low foaming, filmfree and requires less frequent rinses. For optimal results, we recommend that you use a floor scrubber (fastened with a **red pad**); it generally provides better results than traditional mopping. If you do not have access to a floor scrubber or must use mops due to room layout/furniture, then opt for microfiber systems, using one mop for washing and another for rinsing, and frequently dispose of any soiled cleaning liquids. As needed, use deck brushes with soft nylon bristles for spot scrubbing.

#### WASHING PROTOCOL:

1. Always clean liquid spills as they occur, and immediately remove any solid debris from surface.
2. Vacuum surface (or dust mop) to remove dust/dirt/debris.
3. Put up "wet floor" signs/caution tape/barricades prior to performing wet maintenance.
4. Refer to chemical SDS (safety data sheet) for all personal safety requirements.
5. Use a floor scrubber (<300rpm for disc scrubber) and adjust pad pressure to "low". Safely fasten brush or cleaning pad.
6. Dilute cleaner per chemical manufacturer's instructions for the level of soil present. Test dilution rate on a small area to ensure efficiency. Prominence™ by Diversey is recommended for regular washes, but you may refer to Cleaning Products on page 2.
7. Wet surface with cleaning solution and allow a dwell time of about 5 minutes. DO NOT let the surface dry out prior to scrubbing; rewet as needed. Rubber can be "grabby" and a wet surface is essential for the scrubber to move freely, as well as to avoid any surface friction burns. Scrub in multiple directions and vacuum up soiled cleaning liquids.
8. Rinse surface thoroughly with fresh water to remove any soapy residue; avoid soap film buildup that can trap dust/dirt and encourage the rapid formation of soiling patterns. Repeat rinsing as needed. Allow surface to fully dry before use.

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### PRECAUTIONS

- Do not use steel wool, abrasive brushes and abrasive pads (black, brown, etc.) that can damage the resilient flooring.
  - Avoid using blue and green pads that could dull the resilient flooring.
  - Do not spot clean with turpentine, gasoline or solvents that can harm the resilient flooring's color or natural finish.
  - Never tilt a floor machine to dig into stubborn marks/stains, in order to avoid damaging the resilient flooring.
  - Use premium "non-staining" walk-off mats, runners and rugs (no transferable black carbon chemicals in the backing).
  - Fit furniture and equipment base/legs with protective non-staining (pvc or polyethylene) caps, glides, wheels, etc.
  - Avoid point loading: ensure furniture/equipment legs, caps, glides, etc., are minimum 1 inch wide.
  - Prevent pooling water under or around furniture/equipment; do not allow rust to occur and stains to ensue.
  - Move heavy furniture/equipment across resilient flooring with care; use plywood or Masonite to create skids/bridge.
  - Keep utility vehicles off the resilient flooring to avoid oil leaks and/or surface damage.
  - Greasy foods/highly colored beverages spilled onto the surface can increase maintenance or stain if left unattended.
  - Indoor installations only; commercial surfaces are not formulated for outdoors/direct UV (always shade/film windows).
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### CLEANING PRODUCTS

If you will be using cleaning products other than those suggested herein, please perform in-house tests on stock samples or small secluded sections of resilient flooring to determine their suitability and effectiveness. Prior to adopting chemicals, ensure the resilient flooring will not be damaged or suffer from reduced aesthetics. **Factory finished commercial rubber flooring does not need to be waxed or coated.** In general, use neutral pH cleaners (between 7-9) for washes, avoid cleaning products with a pH above 12 and below 2, and ensure they are solvent-free, phosphate-free and phenol-free.

#### **SUGGESTED DIVERSEY CLEANERS**

Prominence™ (daily formulated)  
 Stride™ Citrus Natural Cleaner (daily formulated)  
 GP Forward™  
 Profi™

#### **OTHER SUGGESTED PRODUCTS**

Diversey Virex® II 256 Disinfectant  
 3M™ désinfectant nettoyant RTC concentrate 40A  
 Diversey Wiwax™ Cleaning/Maintenance Emulsion\*  
 Diversey Revive® Plus SC Rejuvenator\*

*\*\*Maintenance emulsions & rejuvenators can be used on any clean resilient flooring, leaving behind a protective/restorative film ([www.diversey.com](http://www.diversey.com)).*

**CHEMICAL-FREE MAINTENANCE.** For any facility wanting to limit the use of maintenance chemicals, we recommend consulting the Tennant Company for information regarding their ec-H2O™, Orbio® and NanoClean technologies ([www.tennantco.com](http://www.tennantco.com)).