

# Maintenance Recommendations for Commercial Sheet Vinyl

Australia / New Zealand

## Initial Care

### After installation is completed:

1. Remove all debris (electrostatic dust mop or vacuum)
2. Damp mop with neutral PH floor cleaner

### Allow 48 hours before carrying out the following:

- Mop using electrostatic dust mop or vacuum
- Damp mop with neutral PH floor cleaner.
- Or light scrub if necessary. Wet scrub using automatic scrubbing machine or single disc swing machine 300 rpm or lower (3M® Red scrubbing pad or equivalent) with neutral PH floor cleaner

### Determine/Tailor your Maintenance Program

Frequency and type of maintenance required depends on traffic flow, application, environmental conditions and the user requirements of the site.

### Maintenance program shall include the following:

- Regular Maintenance (daily / weekly)

### Dusting and cleaning:

1. Sweep, static dust/microfibre mop, vacuum thoroughly to remove all dirt and dust
2. Damp Mop (Nylon/Rayon/Microfibre) with neutral PH floor cleaner



### Spot Cleaning:

- Spot scrub edges & fixtures using soft bristled broom with neutral PH floor cleaner



### Scrubbing machine in large & unobstructed areas

- Wet Scrub using automatic scrubbing machine or single disc swing machine 300rpm or lower (3M® Red scrubbing pad or equivalent) with neutral PH floor cleaner

Periodic Maintenance

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Notes:

3M® Red scrubbing pad or equivalent for light scrubbing 3M® Blue scrubbing pad or equivalent for deep scrubbing

### Restorative Maintenance

(Optional and user requirements of site)

### Stripping of existing floor finish/polish

1. Mix stripping solution to the appropriate dilution, depending on floor finish build-up. Cordon off areas to be stripped and prohibit traffic until restorative maintenance procedures are completed. Apply liberal amounts of solution uniformly on floor with a mop. Let stripping solution soak for the appropriate amount of time recommended by the stripper manufacturer. Keep areas to be stripped wet, and re-wet if necessary.
2. Machine scrub the floor (300 rpm or lower) with a scrubbing pad (3M™ blue or equivalent scrub brush) to break up the polish film.
3. **Do not allow stripping solution to dry on the floor.**
4. Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum or mop.

**TIP: Drizzling fresh, clean rinse water onto the dirty stripping solution will assist with more thorough removal.**

5. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.
6. Apply 2 to 3 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish. In areas where the flooring will be exposed to heavy traffic and/or staining agents, the application of 1 or 2 coats of a stain resistant sealer prior to the application of polish is recommended.

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All vinyl flooring should be protected during the construction period.

Godfrey Hirst **DOES NOT** recommend the use of plastic materials for the protection of vinyl floor or wall products during construction (e.g. builder's plastic, corflute®, sticky back carpet or vinyl protector or films) as these materials can damage the floor/wall.

Godfrey Hirst recommends the use of the lining felt from inside the roll as surface protection. Alternatively, the use of cardboard or paper products would be acceptable.

Where additional or solid protection is required first install lining felt, cardboard or paper and then rigid material over this (plywood, hardboard, corflute® etc).

**ENSURE** surface protection is applied over clean floors only.

**DO NOT** tape/stick protection directly to the floor.

**DO NOT** allow water to sit on or under the protection materials (this could damage the floor and/or cloud the protective polyurethane).

**DO** use walk-off mats that are as wide as the doorway entrances and long enough (min. 3 average paces) to trap dirt before reaching the resilient floor. Ensure that walk-off mats are cleaned frequently.

Sand and grit are abrasive and can damage floors; stopping dirt at the entrance means less dirt trafficked through the building, protecting your investment and helping keep maintenance costs down.

Ensure all furniture legs have well maintained non-abrasive feet. Exposed metal legs can damage flooring.

### DO NOT USE ANY

Rubber-based products such as chair feet, tyres and mats in contact with the vinyl floor as these could cause staining. Vinyl Sheet flooring products can display discolouration caused by contact with rubber products such as chair feet, tyres and mats in contact with the vinyl floor, these could cause staining.

### Stain Removal:

Treatment should be carried out when stains are fresh. Immediately re-move contaminant using a soft nylon brush and spot clean with neutral PH floor cleaner. After stains have been removed, rinse floor with clean water and allow to dry.

### ▲ WARNINGS & IMPORTANT NOTES ▲

1. Neutral PH floor cleaner – Recommended maintenance procedures shall be using neutral floor cleaner with reading of pH 6 to 8. Always dilute chemicals to appropriate levels for each application according to floor cleaner's instructions.
2. Commercial floor polish – Recommended brands like "3M®" or any brands with equivalent usage and specifications meeting user requirements. Follow the manufacturer's instructions accordingly.
3. Adhesive residue may be removed using a clean white cloth dampened with small amounts of mineral turpentine after carefully following any warnings. Immediately rinse with clean water (If in doubt - test in an inconspicuous area or sample offcut first).
4. Auto scrubbing in unobstructed areas takes approximately 20% of the time of damp mopping. For maximum efficiency use damp mopping in obstructed areas only.
5. Spot mopping / spot scrubbing should be used when necessary. For spillages – post wet floor signs and wipe up immediately. Allow to dry and remove signs.