

Wood Loc MAINTENANCE

Wood Loc normally requires only a minimum of routine maintenance to retain its “like-new” appearance and its high performance characteristics for many years.

The ideal maintenance program for any flooring is one that combines preventative maintenance, initial maintenance and follow-up maintenance. This in fact should begin even before the flooring has been specified, installed and is in use.

GENERAL PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- 1) When the floor is completed and before exposing the flooring to traffic, broom sweep the installation to remove debris and grit that could be ground into the surface and cause scratches and damage.
- 2) Wash and clean the flooring any time after 48 hours after installation/game line painting has been completed. DO NOT FLOOD.
- 3) To spread the weight load and to reduce indentations and limit scratches and damage, provide smooth, non-staining, rustproof, flat-surfaced metal, plastic or glass support cups, two inches or greater in width, beneath legs of heavy furniture and equipment.
- 4) Remove small diameter buttons from the ends of chair legs and substitute smooth, non-staining, rustproof flat surfaced metal or plastic glides with minimum diameter of one inch.
- 5) Equip bottoms of swivel chair legs and rolling stock with casters two inches or more in width which have the same applicable characteristics as the furniture cups referred to previously.
- 6) Be aware that scratches and damage can occur from protruding nail heads on undersides of footwear and that severe abrasion can occur from sharp projections on undersides of loads that are pulled or pushed over flooring.
- 7) Do not place rubber backed “walk off” mats directly over vinyl flooring. A chemical reaction can occur and can cause a permanent stain on the flooring. Walk off mats should be placed at all entryways just before the vinyl flooring begins. These act to limit grit and soil from reaching the flooring. Mats should be cleaned periodically to avoid excess buildup of grit and soil.
- 8) Avoid tracking asphalt or tar from driveways in and onto the flooring. A chemical reaction can occur and cause a permanent stain on the flooring.
- 9) Remove chemical spillage as soon as possible. Wood Loc modular flooring is resistant to harmful effects from a wide range of chemical formulations, but the chance of permanent staining is directly related to the exposure time of the spillage.

10) In areas where flooring is installed, maintain temperatures between 55° and 85°F. Temperatures outside these limits can cause flooring to shrink or expand.

11) The extreme high forces exerted by women's stiletto style high heel traffic (dynamic loads of 1,000 psi or more) can visibly indent resilient floors. Such indentations will not adversely affect performance, and Wood Loc modular flooring will not accept claims for indentations caused by heavy point loading.

12) Hard plastic rollers of any color and black rubber rollers on any rolling stock will stain vinyl flooring. They should be replaced with light colored, soft plastic rollers.

INTRODUCTION

ESSENTIAL DIRECTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED:

- 1) Always use name brand maintenance products in combination with each other and never combine with different brands.
- 2) Use a dust mop rather than a vacuum to more completely and easily remove dust.
- 3) New mops or applicators to be used for the first time should be soaked in warm tap water for 15 minutes before using. This assures removal of sizing that may be present from time of original purchase. Mop should then be rinsed and wrung out damp dry prior to use.
- 4) Dry dust mops treated with oils or silicones are not to be used. Use water based treatments only.
- 5) Not rinsing floors completely can adversely affect performance of subsequent coating.
- 6) Always use clean mops and pails separately dedicated to each different maintenance product.
- 7) Mop heads should always dry in an upright position.

INITIAL CLEANING OF NEWLY INSTALLED FLOORS:

Dry mop or vacuum. Lightly damp mop with a solution of surface cleaner mixed with 1 to 2 oz/gallon of clean, cool tap water. DO NOT FLOOD. Rinse thoroughly with clean, cool tap water. Allow time to dry completely.

THOROUGH CLEANING OF NEWLY INSTALLED FLOORS:

- 1) Dry mop with untreated mop or broom. Sweep the area to be cleaned.
- 2) Mix floor surface cleaner in a ratio of 3 or 4 oz/gallon clean, cool tap water.

- 3) Apply cleaning solution to the floor with a mop and bucket. **DO NOT FLOOD.** Allow the cleaning solution to remain on the floor undisturbed for 2 or 3 minutes, but not long enough for it to dry.
- 4) Scrub the area until all dirt and soil is loosened from the floor. Rub out any black marks or scuffs with the edge of the mop end or with use of a non-abrasive hand pad.
- 5) Cleaning can also be performed with an auto-scrubber fitted with a soft brush. Avoid coarse grades of synthetic pads that can damage the floor surface. If an auto-scrubber is used, a clean mop and clean bucket filled with clean, cool tap water should be used to pick up all cleaning solution left behind by the auto-scrubber.
- 6) Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean, cool tap water. **DO NOT FLOOD.** Repeat rinsing activity as many times as necessary to remove all tracks of soil and cleaning solution.
- 7) Take up the rinse water and permit the floor to dry completely.