

# Rigid Core Vinyl Flooring Maintenance Guide

## **Basic Maintenance**

- Use a damp cloth to blot up spills as soon as they happen to prevent stains.
- Sweep, dust, or vacuum with the hard surface attachment regularly to prevent dirt and debris from accumulating-this can scratch or dull your floor's finish
- Clean as needed with a damp or wet mop, clean water, and nonabrasive floor cleaner
- Every so often, clean the floor with product specifically made for vinyl floors by lightly spraying the product on to a terry cloth or microfiber mop.

### What to Avoid

- Do not vacuum with a beater bar as it may scratch or dent your floor
- Never use soap, wax, or oil based detergents-they may dull the finish or leave a greasy film making the floors slippery and harder to clean.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, steel wool, or strong ammoniated or chlorinated cleaners
- Do not use steam cleaners or buffing/polishing machines.
- Maintain a room temperature of 65°-85°F
- Do not allow cigarettes or very hot items to come in contact with the floor
- Do not allow sharp or damaged shoes to come in contact with the floor as they may cause damage
- · Avoid prolonged contact with rubber items as they may cause a permanent stain

### Extra Protection

- Protect your floor against direct sunlight or any intense source of artificial light, over time excessive light may discolor
  the floors. Block heat & fade-causing UV rays with protective window coverings and rearrange rugs and furniture
  periodically to help your floor age evenly.
- Invest in quality floor mats to help trap grit and absorb moisture at entry points. Mats should also be placed in high traffic areas as way to reduce wear. Protective mats must be used for furniture or chairs with castors. Replace plastic castors with soft wheels designed for vinyl floors.
- Add non-staining protective pads to all furniture and chair legs for an extra layer of defense against indentations and scratches, replace them once they are worn or dirty. Generally, the heavier the object, the wider the floor protectornever slide furniture across the floor
- Keep your pet's nails trimmed to prevent them from scratching the floor
- Maintain a normal indoor temperature throughout the year

# Tips

- Use isopropyl alcohol with a clean white cloth for spots requiring a solvent type cleaner that water and cleaning agents can't remove
- Tough substances can be gently scraped with a plastic scraper and dried spots should be removed by gentle agitation,
   rinsed with water, and blot dried

Please note – failure to follow the suggestions and guidelines set forth in this maintenance guide may cause conditions that void the warranty.