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LVT Care and Maintenance by www.surfaces.online

Basic Maintenance

When the installation is completed, clean the surface of the LVT with warm water to which a neutral detergent has been added.

Daily cleaning and care

Regular sweeping with a soft dry broom or non-scratching/non-abrasive vacuum cleaner is the most important aspect of maintenance.

Wiping up liquid spills immediately is always preferable – as many substances contain colourants and dyes which can lead to stubborn marks if left for extended periods.

Weekly cleaning requires using a small amount neutral detergent in water with mop, micro fibre or butterfly mop type device. Emphasis should be on getting the dirty soapy water up and off the floor, leaving no residue on a dry floor. (No heavily alkaline or acidic cleaners should be used – may cause discolouring).

Avoid using any waxes or polishing products. The residue of these products tends to attract and hold dirt rather preventing soiling.

The use of a doormat or walk-off mat **without** a genuine rubber backing is recommended for doorways leading to the exterior, in order to protect the surface of the floor covering from grit and abrasive particles brought in on the soles of people's shoes.

Appropriately soft protectors on furniture legs and other heavy can help prevent light scratch marks. Protectors and castor wheels should be checked for build of abrasive dust and grit. Dragging/dropping heavy or sharp objects across/on LVT floors can cause permanent scratches. Sliding rather than lifting furniture is a common cause of scratching.

Do not use **natural** rubber protectors on the feet of chairs and furniture. Natural Rubber reacts poorly with all PVC Vinyl and can cause irremovable marks. Use plastic or PVC protectors instead.

Due to the nature of PVC vinyl products, floors that are not cleaned regularly can be permanently affected.

Although generally not necessary there are more professional cleaning products available on the market. Local company Florworx offers a Daily Vinyl Cleaner.

In cases where the floor has not been properly maintained and significant soiling is proving difficult to move the following procedure can be tried:

- Locally available from Florworx – Industro Clean Prostrip (alkaline polish stripper) acts as an intensive stripper/cleaner and should be used carefully and professionally as directed.
- Once stripped you can apply Florworx Silk Matt Sealer. This adds a non-shiny layer of protectant to the cushion vinyl which makes future cleaning easier and reduces penetrative soiling. The application of this sealant does not significantly alter the original look of the floor.

The above procedure must be completed carefully in accordance with the instructions on the respective products or alternately completed by a professional cleaning company. **www.surfaces.online**