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12 & 20 mil Direct Glue Planks Care and Maintenance

All floor coverings require care and maintenance to look and perform at their best. The type and frequency of traffic on your floor will determine the frequency of necessary maintenance. The design and even the color of the flooring will have some bearing on how much care may be necessary. Solid colored floors will show scuffs, scratches, dirt, and general wear more than multi-colored and/or patterned floors. Lighter colors will show staining more than darker colors. For this reason, floors with solid and/or lighter colors should receive special attention regarding preventative maintenance and the overall amount of care provided. Ultimately, the price of failing to clean and maintain flooring is much higher than the time and effort required to actually cleaning and maintaining flooring. Taking care of your floor not only increases your enjoyment level but also protects your investment. This maintenance document applies to PureGrain® Flex products that have a commercial wear warranty.

Newly Installed Flooring

- Keep all the foot traffic off the floor for 12 hours.
- Keep furniture, fixtures, and heavy rolling loads off the floor for a minimum of 24 hours. Indentations in flooring due to displaced uncured adhesive under the flooring are permanent and are not considered defective flooring.
- Do not walk on, place furniture on, or otherwise inhabit the space where new flooring is installed until the adhesive is fully cured.
- Remove adhesive residue with a clean white cloth dampened with mineral spirits or denatured alcohol. Avoid using scraping tools as they will remove or damage the wear layer on the product.
- Use ¼" or thicker plywood to protect the surface when moving heavy objects and dollies across new floor.
- Lightly damp clean the floor using a microfiber pad as needed.
- Wait 4 days before wet washing and scrubbing the new floor.

Initial Maintenance

- Sweep, vacuum, microfiber or dust mop to remove dirt and grit.
- If needed, add a neutral pH cleaner such as Diversity Stride Citrus cleaner diluted 2 oz. / 1 US gallon water. Apply using a hand held sprayer.
- Scrub with a low-rpm machine or auto scrubber such as Clarke MA 12 E Upright Scrubber with only fresh water in the tank. Use a red pad or brush.
- Never use brown or black pads as they are too aggressive and can damage the product.
- Remove the cleaning solution with a wet-dry vacuum or auto scrubber until the floor is dry.
- Rinse the floor with clean water using a microfiber mop pad. Repeat the rinse process until all the haze is removed.

Routine Maintenance

- Sweep, vacuum, microfiber or dust mop to remove dirt and grit daily.
- Add a neutral pH cleaner to cool water following the manufacturer's instructions. (mix 2 oz. of concentrated cleaner to 1 US gallon of water).
- As needed, scrub with a low (175) rpm machine or auto scrubber such as Clarke MA 12 E Upright Scrubber to retain appearance. Use a red (light scrubbing) pad and a pH neutral cleaner following the manufacturer's instructions. The use of Diversey Snapback® Restorer will reduce the visibility of scratches on LVT flooring. These products will also add a slight shine to the flooring. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.
- We strongly recommend against the application of wax. Wax will seal the surface of LVT and will result in the need for ongoing reapplication. Stripping the wax from the LVP for reapplication will result in damage or removal of the Urethane topcoat. Damage to the product is not covered under warranty.
- Do not use acetone based liquids, highly abrasive or solvent based cleaners as they can damage vinyl floors.

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Disinfection Guidelines

Apart from sterile areas and in occurrences of blood and spills, the CDC does not require the use of disinfectant on floors. In the event a disinfectant is required, the following product maybe used; Virex II 256 Triad II® (from Diversey). There are a number of commercially available sanitizers and disinfectants. These typically employ chlorine, ammonium compounds or peroxides as biocides. For a given situation, the correct one to use will depend primarily on the type of spill being cleaned, specifically the pathogens involved, and any concerns about occupational exposure. These should be tested in an inconspicuous area to confirm colorfastness. The application of these products is the responsibility of the facility. Manufacturer's instructions must be adhered to and technical issues involving the disinfectant should be directed to its manufacturer. Rinse the floor with clean water using a microfiber mop pad.

Preventative Floor Care

- Engineered Floors recommends entrance "walk off" tiles or mats be utilized to protect the LVP from outdoor elements. The recommended area to be covered at an entrance is 15 feet.
- Certain anti-oxidants in rubber can permanently stain vinyl flooring. Therefore, use only non-staining urethane furniture feet, castors or mats.
- Protective pads are required where chairs on rollers will be present.
- Post installation temperature should be maintained between 65°-85° (18.3°-29.4).
- Engineered Floors recommends felt pads be used on all furniture legs. If any other materials are used, frequent inspections should be made and damaged pads should be replaced to prevent damage.
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for long periods of time. This type of exposure can cause expansion due to heat which may result in buckling or other damage. Sunlight can also cause fading or discoloration. Engineered Floors requires the use of UV protective film, blinds, curtains, or shades to assure that LVF products are protected from the sun.
- **FLOODING VOIDS MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY**