



WALKWAY MAINTENANCE

LUXURY VINYL TILE AND PLANK FLOORING

Walkway has incorporated a low maintenance urethane wear surface, allowing the end user a grace period prior to the need for finishes. Consequently, Walkway's commercial wear layer helps reduce the time and expense required to maintain your floor as well as protect and prolong the life of the floor. For typical light to moderate traffic applications, suggested maintenance includes an application of one to two coats of a high quality acrylic finish within three months from installation. The grace period will vary by use and traffic loading. For heavily trafficked areas we suggest maintaining with two to three coats prior to use.

INITIAL MAINTENANCE is simple:

Allow at least 48 hours after the installation to ensure adhesives have set adequately before maintaining the floor.

Keep all traffic to an absolute minimum and avoid moving heavy objects across the floor during this period of time.

Dry sweep

Wet scrub using a neutral cleaner in an auto-scrubber with soft brush (3m # 53 or equiv.) or white synthetic pad

When moving any heavy furniture or other objects back into room use runner boards

Put into service

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

1. Daily dry sweep or dust mop the floor to remove the loose debris and grit. Using walk-off mats (non-staining types) at entrances to buildings can prevent grit and stainants from being tracked onto the surface of the floor. Effective use of walk-off mats will extend the time before use of a polish or finish is required.
2. Wet scrub or damp mop the floor at least weekly using a neutral cleaner such as SC Johnson® Stride to maintain an attractive appearance. Prepare the solution according to the manufacturer's instructions. More frequent cleaning may be required depending on the application i.e. assisted living. Make sure to place signs when cleaning, wet floors may be slippery.
3. Depending on the application, apply two coats of finish within three months from installation. Maintain thereafter using auto scrubbing with neutral cleaner or spray buff as required to maintain desired appearance.
4. For very stubborn soil, an alkaline cleaner such as SC Johnson® GP Forward can be used. Prepare the solution according to the manufacturer's instructions. Clean the area using a low RPM floor machine with a soft brush (e.g. 3M #53 brush) or equivalent. A final rinse is strongly recommended. Make sure to place signs when cleaning, wet floors may be slippery.

5. For grease removal, SC Johnson® BREAK-UP™ can be used. Prepare the solution according to the manufacture's instructions. Use a mop or wet/dry vacuum to remove wet residue left on the floor.
6. Allow the floor to dry thoroughly before opening to traffic.

All floors that are exposed to significant amounts of heavily trafficked dirt and grit require cleaning and over time some type of restorative maintenance in order to keep a reasonable appearance. Color selection and lighting can have a pronounced effect on cleaning frequency and appearance aesthetics for a given installation.

For high traffic areas and all areas connected to direct exterior entranceways, there needs to be a routine cleaning procedure that would include the following:

- Use of walk-off mats to control grit, soil and stainants from being tracked onto floor
- Use of wet-vac or autoscrubber type device on a periodic basis, as required
- Use of a high quality commercial grade acrylic finish within three months or if dulling or appearance change is noted in the traffic walk-way areas. Two coats of finish are required, with subsequent applications as required, based upon specific traffic volume, area of use or desired level of appearance
- For high traffic applications apply additional coats of finish as required to maintain appearance.