

Calibre High Performance LVT Maintenance Guide

Maintenance Periods and Procedures

INITIAL MAINTENANCE

For glue down installations do not wet, wash, machine scrub or strip the floor for at least 5 days after installation to allow adhesive to dry.

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor thoroughly to remove all dust and loose debris (suction only, no beater bar assembly).
2. Remove any dried adhesive residue (if applicable) with a clean white cloth dampened with denatured alcohol.
3. Damp mop the area with a micro pad and properly diluted Neutral pH LVT Cleaner. Allow to dry.
4. If heavy soiling is present, a deep scrub may be necessary. Scrub the floor using a low-speed buffer, counter rotating brush machine, or automatic scrubbing machine (not to exceed 300 rpm). Use a pad/brush with an aggressive equivalence to a 3M white pad for light scrubbing and a 3M red pad for medium scrubbing.
5. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.

DAILY/ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor as needed to remove dust, loose grit and dirt that can become ground into the surface and cause damage.
2. Remove spills, standing water, pet urine, and other liquids immediately to prevent the risk of slips and falls and possible staining. Spot mop as needed with neutral pH cleaner.
3. Remove scuffs using a cleaner and soft nylon brush, new tennis ball or magic eraser sponge.
4. Damp mopping of the floor should be performed on a regular or daily basis, depending on the traffic and soil level in the area. Use properly diluted Neutral pH LVT Cleaner. Allow to dry.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

1. Apply properly diluted Neutral pH LVT Cleaner to the floor, wet evenly and allow to sit approximately 5-10 minutes.
2. Machine scrub with a low-speed buffer, counter rotating brush machine, or automatic scrubbing machine (not to exceed 300 rpm). Agitate the solution using the appropriate scrubbing pad/brush with an aggressive equivalence to a 3M white pad for light scrubbing and a 3M red pad for medium scrubbing.
3. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water using a wet vacuum with wand or floor squeegee attachment, extractor with hard surface tool, automatic scrubbing machine or wet mop in conjunction with bucket and wringer. Allow the floor to dry completely.
4. Finishing Options: Application of a removable acrylic floor finish is not required but may be used to offer additional protection to the flooring or to provide a difference in appearance. Masland Contract recommends the XL Matte Finish, XL 25 High Gloss or equivalent.

RESTORATIVE MAINTENANCE - STRIPPING AND REFINISHING

Prepare the area by setting out wet floor signs at all entrance points and tape off all stationary items to protect against damage from stripping solution.

1. Apply a liberal amount of diluted XL FS Floor Stripper (or equivalent) uniformly on floor with a mop or pump sprayer. Allow the solution to sit for approximately 10 minutes. Keep areas to be stripped wet, applying more liquid if necessary. Do not allow to dry.
2. Scrub the floor using a low-speed buffer, counter rotating brush machine, or automatic scrubbing machine (not exceed 300 rpm). Use a pad/brush with an aggressive equivalence to a 3M red pad.

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3. Remove slurry using a wet vacuum with wand or flooring squeegee attachment, extractor with hard surface tool, automatic scrubbing machine, or wet mop in conjunction with bucket and wringer.
4. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove the rinse water with the previously described equipment on line 3 and allow the floor to dry completely.
5. Apply 3-5 coats of the desired floor finish, carefully following the manufacturer's directions.
6. Do not place heavy furniture on newly finished floor for at least 24 hours.

PREVENTIVE CARE

1. Use non-staining walk-off mats at all outside entrances.
2. When moving furniture or heavy equipment, it should be carried. If dollies are required, lay down ¼" or thicker plywood or other type underlayment.
3. Use flat glides at least 2" in diameter under furniture legs to prevent indentations and scratches.
4. Use broad surface non-staining casters at least 2" in diameter on rolling furniture.
5. Do not use vinegar, polishes, waxes, oil soaps, abrasive cleaners, harsh detergents, "mop and shine" products or solvents.
6. Do not dry buff or burnish flooring that does not have a finish.
7. Do not use a steam cleaner on flooring.
8. Do not flood the floor or subject to standing liquids.
9. Do not expose flooring to direct sunlight for prolonged periods.