

## Maintenance

### Unfinished Vinyl Flooring Roll

#### **Additional Material Required:**

Neutral pH Cleaner  
Sheet Vinyl Floor Finish  
Sheet Vinyl Floor Stripper  
Microfiber Mop Pads  
Floor Pads (Blue and/or Brown)

**Unfinished Flooring Information:** The manufacture requires all unfinished flooring to receive a finish. Failure to apply a finish will make maintenance more difficult, may reduce the performance of the flooring, and may lead to premature wear.

#### **Initial Maintenance:**

1. Ensure the installation has been done per the **Technical Manual for Interior Flooring Products** and all related technical information.
2. Always wait 48 hours after installation has been completed before beginning the initial maintenance.
3. Clean the floor using a microfiber dust mop. If necessary, vacuum the floor first to pick up any large particles.
4. Using a neutral pH cleaner, scrub the floor with a blue pad on a low speed (175 – 300 RPM) rotary floor machine or auto-scrubber, vacuuming up any remaining cleaning solution.
5. If necessary, use clean water and a clean microfiber mop pad to remove any remaining residue.
6. Once the floor has fully dried, apply the finish, making sure to allow each coat of finish to fully dry before proceeding with the next coat.
  - Acrylic Finishes: It is recommended to apply a minimum of 2 – 4 coats for most products. For heavily embossed products, Lonfloor Galvanized, and Lonfloor Vista, a minimum of 4 coats is recommended. For all white products (e.g. F640 or B301), a minimum of 6 coats is recommended. For all sports flooring, a minimum of 6 – 8 coats is recommended.
  - Urethane Finishes: Apply a minimum of 1 coat. Additional coats may be required as directed by the finish manufacturer, based upon the end use of the installation area.
7. Ensure the finish is fully dry before allowing any traffic on the floor.

#### **Routine/Daily Maintenance:**

1. Remove all gross soiling (gum, labels, residues, etc.). Take care when using a scraper or putty knife to avoid permanently damaging the surface of the flooring.
2. Clean the floor using a microfiber dust mop.
3. Apply a neutral pH cleaner to the flooring using a microfiber mop pad.
4. If necessary, use clean water and a clean microfiber mop pad to remove any remaining

residue.

### **Periodic Maintenance:**

1. Remove all gross soiling (gum, labels, residues, etc.). Take care when using a scraper or putty knife to avoid permanently damaging the surface of the flooring.
2. Clean the floor using a microfiber dust mop. If necessary, vacuum the floor first to pick up any large particles.
3. Thoroughly clean the floor using a neutral pH cleaner and blue pad on a low speed (175 – 300 RPM) rotary floor machine or auto-scrubber, vacuuming up any remaining cleaning solution.
4. If necessary, use clean water and a clean microfiber mop pad to remove any remaining residue.
5. Allow the floor to fully dry.
6. Apply additional coats of acrylic finish as needed, making sure to allow each coat of finish to fully dry before proceeding with the next coat. The manufacture recommends at least 1 – 2 new coats, but more may be necessary depending on the condition of the existing finish and frequency of periodic cleaning.

### **Restorative Maintenance:**

1. Remove all gross soiling (gum, labels, residues, etc.). Take care when using a scraper or putty knife to avoid permanently damaging the surface of the flooring.
2. Clean the floor using a microfiber dust mop. If necessary, vacuum the floor first to pick up any large particles.
3. Apply the stripper to the surface of the floor and allow for adequate dwell time. The manufacture only recommends using a stripper meant for the specific finish applied to the floor. This will ensure compatibility between the two products, and provide the best results.
4. Scrub using a brown pad on a low speed (175 – 300 RPM) rotary floor machine or auto-scrubber, vacuuming up any remaining stripper solution.
5. If necessary, use clean water and a clean microfiber mop pad to remove any remaining residue.
6. Once the floor has fully dried, apply the finish as noted above under Item 6 of Initial Maintenance.
7. Ensure the finish is fully dry before allowing any traffic on the floor.

### **Preventative Maintenance:**

- Ensure a maintenance program is in place and adhered to, in order to receive the best possible performance from your flooring. A good maintenance program will include, at a minimum, the following:
  - Properly maintained walk-off mats at all entrances into the building. This may also include transitions from areas of different use within the same building (e.g. from a warehouse into an office space). Walk-off mats must be non-rubber/non-latex backed and non-staining.
  - Performing daily maintenance, which should include both dust mopping and wet mopping with a neutral pH cleaner.
  - Using only clean microfiber mops and floor pads when performing maintenance.
- Immediately clean-up all spills.
- Use proper furniture protectors/glides, which are non-rubber and non-staining. They should be inspected periodically to ensure they are still in good condition. Damaged or worn protectors/glides can result in damage to the surface of the flooring.

- Ensure proper window treatments are in place, such as curtains, blinds, or tinting. Constant UV exposure may cause discoloration.
- Always use caution when moving heavy equipment/furniture across the floor to avoid scratches or gouges.
- Avoid using harsh cleaning products, bleach, or ammonia to clean the floor. Use of these types of products could damage the finish, or result in discoloration of the flooring.

**Notes:**

- All warranties and support for the maintenance products, walk-off mats, floor protectors, etc. will be through the manufacturer. The **Recommended Maintenance Products** chart lists products from select manufacturers who have approved those products shown for use with Unfinished Vinyl Flooring Rolls. The manufacturer does not recommend one manufacturer over another. For products not shown on the list, it is recommended the manufacturer of the chosen product be contacted to confirm that their product is suitable for use with sheet vinyl flooring.
- Where recommendations differ between the information contained in this document and those provided by the maintenance product manufacturer, always defer to the maintenance product manufacturer, as they will hold all warranties for their products and their performance, with the following exception. The floor pads noted above are the maximum recommended aggressiveness for this flooring. Using anything more aggressive than what is noted, may result in permanent damage to the flooring.
- All installation locations are different, and the maintenance program may need to be adjusted to meet the specific needs of the site. This may even require an increased frequency of cleaning.
- Ensure familiarity with the maintenance products being used, prior to application.
- Keep all microfiber mops and floor pads clean and in “as new” condition, and switch them out as needed during use.
- The manufacturer does not recommend the use of yarn mops for cleaning the floor. These types of mops tend to push the dirt around, and are not as effective as microfiber mops.
- For stubborn scuff marks, or for quick removal of scuff marks, a new, clean tennis ball can be very effective in removing them by rubbing the ball over the mark.
- For small installations, where the use of a low-speed machine or auto-scrubber will not be feasible, smaller scale floor pads and holders are available which attach to the end of a mop handle.

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