

## **General care & maintenance**

### **Preventive measures**

A large proportion of the dirt usually carried into buildings can be avoided by fitting dirt catchment grids at the entrances to buildings and special dirt absorbent walk off matting in entrance areas and by incorporating these into routine cleaning procedures.

### **Prevent discolouration**

All types of floor covering, whether wood, vinyl or carpet, will discolour under the influence of sunlight. This is caused by UV rays in the sunlight. Effective sun shades are an important way of preventing your floor from discolouring.

### **Avoid contact with rubber**

Contact between rubber and vinyl must be prevented wherever possible. Prolonged contact between vinyl and rubber may result in a permanent, dark brown discolouration due to migration (consider a rubber ring underneath a waste bin) from rubber barrier matting, placemats, etc. Rubber feet under furniture could also cause marking as a result of friction. We therefore recommend checking all furniture and objects for rubber feet and ensuring that their feet are protected (see [www.scratchnomore.com](http://www.scratchnomore.com)).

- Use walk-off mats at all outside entrances.
- Use only flat felt or soft plastic pads at least 50mm in diameter under furniture legs or free standing displays and fixtures to prevent indentations and scratches.
- Use broad surface non-staining castors at least 50mm in diameter on rolling fixtures or furniture.
- Do not use vinegar, polishes, waxes, oil soaps, abrasive cleaners, harsh detergents or solvents.
- Use non-staining mats.
- Do not expose to direct sunlight for prolonged periods.
- Do not use steam cleaners.
- Do not flood floor or subject to standing liquids.

### **Cleaning of Newly Laid Flooring**

The newly laid flooring must be thoroughly cleaned prior to use in order to remove all production residues and building dirt.

PU Cleaner diluted in a ratio of 1:10 with water is used for this purpose. Where the levels of building dirt are low, the concentration can be reduced according to the degree of soiling. The cleaning solution is distributed over the floor and allowed to stand for approx. 10 minutes before the floor is scrubbed using a Monodisc SRP appliance with scrubbing brush or red pad attachment (not for structured surfaces). The dirt is taken up using a Spray Extractor appliance with hard floor adapter or the Premium F 2. Neutralise the surface using clean water until all traces of cleaning agent have been completely removed.

### **Routine Cleaning and Care**

Removal of dust: Loose dust and dirt are removed by wiping over the floor

using a slightly damp wiper mop or impregnated bonded fibre cloth.

→ Manual or mechanical wet cleaning: For the removal of stubborn dirt, use PU Cleaner diluted in a ratio of 1:200 and wipe over the flooring using this solution and an appropriate mop (e.g. Quick Step) or cleaned using a cleaning appliance (e.g., the Premium F 2 ). Areas which have to be cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis are treated with concentrated Disinfectant Cleaner (tested according to the guidelines contained in List VII of the German Ministry of Health [DGHM] and German Health Care Association [DVG]).

These Instructions for Cleaning and Care have been compiled in collaboration with leading manufacturers of the floor coverings. The quality, ecological compatibility and fields of application of the CC cleaning and care products mentioned have been confirmed by experts from independent test institutes.

Constant developments in the floor coverings sector may result in deviations to the current general Instructions for Cleaning and Care. For this reason we recommend you to contact the CC-Dr. Schutz Advisory Service to obtain the Cleaning and Care Instructions for your own particular floor covering. If you have any further questions regarding the correct cleaning and care of elastic floor coverings or are interested in receiving cleaning instructions for textile floor coverings, please contact our CC Advisory Service. Our staff will be pleased to give you any assistance you may require.

By making available these Cleaning and Care Instructions to his customer, the party responsible for the laying of new flooring has fulfilled his obligations as laid down under Regulation DIN 18 365.

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