

Caring For Your Vinyl Floor.



01. Cushion Vinyl.



Cleaning Recommendations

- Remove dust and dirt with a soft broom or microfibre mop.
- For day-to-day cleaning, wipe down with warm water.
- Gentle detergent may be used if necessary.
- Avoid bleach and abrasive, alkaline or acidic chemicals.
- Chemical solvents will affect the gloss or your floor.

Preventative Maintenance

- Wherever possible choose furniture with broad legs or large castors.
- Use bitumen-free protector mats or offcuts under furniture legs. Bitumen causes indelible brown stains.
- No castors should be used on residential and light or medium commercial products. Only heavy commercial products can tolerate castor chairs, and these must be installed with non-staining wheels.
- Hot ash will cause irreparable damage to the product.
- Use doormats (avoid bitumen and rubber) to keep out dirt and dust.
- While vinyl is resistant to most fluids, in the case of spillages, remove immediately with a damp cloth. (See the table on page four for specific stains).
- Avoid stiletto heels, which may cause irreparable damage.
- Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight can cause variation in colour.
- Use gliding mats instead of dragging heavy furniture across the floor.
- Avoid placing foam or rubber mats over vinyl as this may cause plasticized migration, leaving discoloured marks on the floor.
- Corrosive substances can damage the surface of the floor. Clean up any spills quickly and carefully.
- Shoes with stiff soles can scuff floors.

02. Luxury Vinyl Tiles.



Cleaning Recommendations

- Clean food spills immediately with a non-abrasive all-purpose cleaner. Avoid acidic and powdered cleaners, oil soaps, dish-washing liquids and other dusting products.
- Remove shoe scuffs with a spot application of multi-purpose cleaner and a non-abrasive scrubbing pad.
- Regular household dirt can be cleaned with warm soapy water or a multi-purpose cleaner. Hand-wiping may be required to remove tough spots and spills.
- Always sweep or vacuum your vinyl floor before cleaning in order to remove loose dirt particles.
- Do not wax. Because vinyl is non-porous, wax won't penetrate the surface and will create dirty build up.
- If your floor has been exposed to excessive water, remove as soon as possible by mopping and ventilating the room. A dehumidifier will reduce the moisture level to normal, but be careful not to lower the moisture level below what existed previously.
- It might be necessary to replace tiles with deep scratches. For this purpose you should always retain some excess tiles for replacement purposes.

Preventative Maintenance

- To prevent dirt from getting on to your vinyl floors, place protective doormats in front of all doors leading inside.
- If vinyl has been installed in your kitchen, place a rug in front of the sink to catch spills and splashes.
- Always install floor protectors on furniture legs that will be used on vinyl flooring. Clean the protectors on a regular basis to remove any grit that may have become embedded.
- Do not wax the bottom of furniture legs.
- To keep your floor looking its best dust, mop or vacuum daily.
- Avoid household dust treatment chemicals, as these may cause the floor to become slick or dull the finish. Instead, simply sweep the floor as needed.
- While Belgotex Luxury Vinyl is highly water resistant, your floor is only as good as the subfloor. Avoid excessive water when cleaning, which can cause damage to your subfloor.
- Do not allow pets with unclipped nails to walk on the vinyl floor, as this may cause scratching.

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Further Cautions and Maintenance.

- Furniture should be moved onto the newly installed floor without causing any damage to the material.
- Do not place heavy items on a newly installed floor for at least 24-hours after completion. Heavy furniture should be equipped with suitable non-staining, wide-bearing casters.
- Floors subjected to excessive heat and light exposure are subject to thermal degradation. Use appropriate precautions to minimise potential effects on the floor covering.
- Oil or petroleum-based products will result in surface staining. Do not track asphalt driveway sealer or automobile oil drips onto the vinyl floor covering.
- Use non-staining doormats as rubber can result in plasticized migration, discolouring even resilient floors.

Specific Stains and How To Remove Them

Stain

Solution

Acids, alkali, alcohol, coffee, soft drinks, tomato sauce, fruit, fruit juices, food, vegetables, mustard, ink, iodine.

Rub the stain with a wet sponge and luke-warm water. If necessary, treat with a dilution of 10 parts water and one part bleach, then rinse.

Shoe polish, heel scuffs.

Treat as soon as possible with benzine. Rinse afterwards.

Asphalt, candle wax, chewing gum, fat, oil, tar.

Remove with a blunt kitchen knife and treat with benzine. Rinse afterwards.

Lacquer, nail polish.

Remove as soon as possible. Do not allow to dry. If necessary use benzine. Rinse afterwards.

Corrosion, mildew, paint, grass.

Treat with a dilution of 10 parts water and one part bleach. If necessary, treat with lemon juice or citric acid. Rinse afterwards.

Varnish, oil paint, solvents.

Dab as soon as possible, but do not rub, as this will only spread the problem. Carefully treat with washing liquids. When dried out, try to peel off the stain. Rinse afterwards. This method is not always successful.