

STEAM CLEANING

We would not recommend steam cleaning of our vinyl products for the following reasons:

- Over application of heat and steam may cause delamination of the vinyl product (the layers may separate).
- If the product is fully adhered or perimeter stuck the heat generated from steam cleaning can cause the adhesive to fail.
- The heat over time will soften the surface wear layer of the product causing damage.
- The heat can cause varying issues with the surface layers of the vinyl.
- The heat generated from steam cleaning can cause the vinyl to expand and the product to bubble up from the subfloor.
- The heat and pressure generated by the steam cleaner can cause the edge joints of the material to curl.

Unfortunately there is no conclusive test data available at this time as to the extremes of heat and pressure that most steam cleaning machines will run to and until available we unfortunately cannot condone their use.

MAINTENANCE

Your new Tarkett Ltd vinyl is tough and long lasting. To help it stay in tiptop condition, here are a few useful hints:

PROTECTION AGAINST DAMAGE, FURNITURE AND STILLETO HEELS

- Place large surface plastic castor cups under any arm chair legs and heavy furniture and appliances.
- When moving furniture or heavy appliances which may have sharp feet such as washing machines, freezers, cookers, etc, slide a piece of hardboard or inverted carpet underneath, manoeuvre the appliance onto it, then slide it out onto a second piece of hardboard.
- Avoid subjecting the flooring to stiletto heels, sharp knives etc. and hot surfaces such as saucepans.
- Heavy objects with thin edges can damage the surface of vinyl floorcovering e.g. an iron, heavy tins etc.

PROTECTION AGAINST TRACKED IN DIRT

- Prevent damage to your floorcovering from grit brought in underfoot by having a doormat at entrances from outside. This will save unnecessary cleaning up as well!
- Do not use latex/rubber-backed doormats, unless stipulated by their manufacturer that they do not stain vinyl products, as this may discolour your floorcovering.

SAFETY

- Mop up spillages on the surface immediately.
- Remember, that non safety floorings are slippery when wet.

CLEANING

- Sweep up any pieces of grit and dirt.
- Regularly damp mop with a suitable micro fibre mopping system and diluted floor cleaner, following the manufacturer's dilution recommendations.
- Thoroughly rinse the floor with clean warm water. Leave this to dry before walking on the floor.
- Do not use strong detergents, harsh abrasive powders or wire wool scouring pads, as they will damage the surface of your floorcovering.
- Always mop up any spillages immediately.
- With certain grades of floorcovering to maintain the 'as new' appearance, the floor should be polished initially with 2 coats of a suitable emulsion polish and additional coats for continued maintenance. Our recommended product should be applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, gradually applying to an area of no more than a 1.5 metres at a time to prevent over application. **Polish should not be applied to safety flooring as this will affect the slip resistant properties** (advise as to whether polish is required is available on request from Tarkett Ltd Technical Services on Tel: 01622 854 183 or email: uk01.technical@tarkett.com).
- Build up of polish should be removed periodically by stripping the polish and reapplying.

STAINS

- The following can permanently stain your new floorcovering:
 - Shoe polishes.
 - Hair dye and other preparations.
 - Some powder paints.
 - Wax crayons.
 - Some animal excreta.
 - Some veterinary ointments.
 - Bitumen/tar tracked in from freshly resurfaced roads and pathways.
 - Some highly coloured foods e.g. Ketchup.

RUBBER STAINING

Some rubbers, which contain certain antioxidants, can permanently stain your floor. Rubber of this type is often used in the manufacture of backings for rugs and mats, protective feet for furniture, wheels for trolleys, rims for assorted objects and equipment, as well as low cost shoes and slippers (these can all produce a yellow staining on the heavily trafficked areas of your floor).

RECOMMENDED CLEANING & POLISHING PRODUCTS

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- Tarkett recommends the use of the following cleaning products:
 - Dettol Complete Clean Multi Purpose Cleaner,
 - Sainsbury's Perform All Purpose Cleaner,
 - Tesco All Purpose Cleaner,

Strong bleach and pine gel products **are not** recommended.


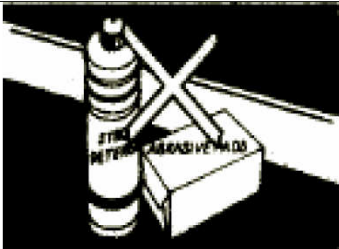

RECOMMENDED POLISHING PRODUCTS

- Tarkett recommends the use of a suitable vinyl emulsion floor polish or sealer such as Pledge Multi-Surface Wax available via the following stores.
 - Asda
 - Morrison
 - Sainsburys
 - Waitrose
 - Wilkinson

NB: Polish should not be applied to safety flooring as this will affect the slip resistant properties.

STRIPPING RESIDUE AND OLD POLISH

- Use Household ammonia diluted in water – 250ml ammonia to 3 litres of **Cold Water**, mopping this onto the surface and leaving it to stand for 5 to 10 minutes, (Ammonia can be purchased in local builders merchants).
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow this to dry before reapplying polish.

		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use a suitable floor cleaner, diluted according to the manufacturer's instructions. (See recommended list) ▪ Rinse thoroughly with clean water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do not use strong detergents or abrasive cleaners. ▪ Strong bleach and pine gel products are not recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apply a suitable floor polish. ▪ NB. Polish should not be applied to safety flooring as this will affect the slip-resistant properties of the floor.