

RESILIENT FLOORING MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Sheet Products - without Protective Polyurethane Finish

Applicable to:

LINOLEUM ARMALON NG	MERIT TRANSLATIONS R
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INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Immediately after installation

- Sweep or vacuum thoroughly.
- Damp mop with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner, while carefully scrubbing black marks and excessive soil.
- Apply two coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish.

Do not wet wash, scrub or strip the floor for at least four or five days after installation (this prevents excess moisture from interfering with the seam treatments and adhesive bond).

Preparation for use

- Scrub the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner and a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal) or equivalent brushes as recommended for the type of floor being maintained.
- Thoroughly rinse floor and allow it to dry.
- Apply three to five coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Floor Sealer should be considered in areas of high traffic, high soil load or high staining potential.

Note: Because linoleum is made primarily of natural raw materials (linseed oil, cork, jute and natural resin), the use of excessive amounts of liquid during maintenance procedures should be avoided. Maintenance solutions should not exceed a pH of 10. The use of highly alkaline or solvenated solutions or abrasive materials may damage the linoleum.

Sheet Products - Low Maintenance Procedures with Protective Polyurethane Finish

Applicable to:

ACCOLADE PLUS CENIT / ROYAL / SOLID POSSIBILITIES OVATION	CONTRACT INTERIOR ACOUSTIC TIMBERLINE ACOUSTIC TIMBERLINE CONTRACT INTERIOR
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Preparation for use

- Scrub the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner and a scrubbing pad (3M red or equal) or equivalent brush. For more stubborn soiling, use 3M blue/green pad or equivalent.
- Remove solution with a wet vacuum or mop.
- Thoroughly rinse with clean water and allow to dry.

Choose a maintenance method(s) based on the evaluation of the factors listed below:

- What are the end user's expectations?
- What is the location of the flooring within the building?
- What is the volume and type of traffic and the type and amount of soil likely to be found at the location?
- Are there special traffic or footwear situations?
- What are the color and pattern of the flooring?

Based upon the evaluation made, these sheet products may be maintained by any of the following methods:

Polish Method

- Apply 3-5 coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish.
- The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Floor Sealer should be considered in areas of high traffic and high soil load, and areas where staining potential is high.

Tile Products

Applicable to:

EXCELOX Designer Stonetex Terrazz	Standard EXCELOX Imperial Series
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REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Continuing regular maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum frequently.
- Damp mop the floor as appearance requires. Use a dilute, neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner. A light scrubbing with an automatic floor machine may also be performed.
- If there is sufficient (three to five coats) polish remaining on the floor, buff, spray-buff or burnish to restore gloss.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Use of good quality maintenance products such as Armstrong commercial floor care products and regular adherence to a quality maintenance program will greatly reduce the need for deep scrubbing and stripping. Stripping should be done only when necessary.

Stripping

- Scrub the floor with a stripping solution such as Armstrong S-490 Floor Stripper using a single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal) or equivalent scrub brush.
Note: For linoleum, use a stripping solution with a pH of 10 or less. Do not use Armstrong S-490 Floor Stripper.

Note: Do not use no-scrub and/or no-rinse strippers on Armstrong linoleum.

- Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum.
- Thoroughly rinse with clean water and allow to dry.
- Apply three to five coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish.

Spray Buffing Method

- Spray buff using a rotary machine (175 to 1500 rpm) with the appropriate pad or brush and a commercially available spray buff solution, such as diluted Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish (one part S-480 Floor Polish to two parts water).

Dry Buffing Method

- Dry buff using a rotary machine (maximum 1500 rpm) with the appropriate pad or brush until the desired luster is achieved.
If a high gloss is desired, the application of a suitable floor finish is recommended.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Continuing regular maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum frequently.
- Damp mop the floor as appearance requires. Use a dilute, neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner. A light scrubbing with an automatic floor machine may also be performed.
- After damp mopping or light scrubbing, the floor may be buffed with the appropriate speed machine and appropriate pad or brush as dictated by the maintenance method chosen.

Note: Operating suites where shoe covers are required may not allow the use of floor polishes. In these areas, buffing of the thoroughly cleaned, unpolished surface for the purpose of increasing gloss is acceptable. The procedure can be done with a low-to high-speed buffer (maximum 1500 rpm) incorporating a pad or brush as recommended for buffing resilient flooring. In addition, in clean rooms where shoe covers are required, the same procedure may be used.

The improper use and/or dilution of disinfectant cleaners can produce discoloration on any surface.

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- Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum.
- Thoroughly rinse with clean water and allow to dry.

INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Immediately after installation

- Sweep or vacuum thoroughly.
- Damp mop with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner, while carefully scrubbing black marks and excessive soil.
- Apply two coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish.

RESILIENT FLOORING MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Tile Products (cont...)

- Do not wet wash, scrub or strip the floor for at least four or five days after installation (this prevents excess moisture from interfering with the seam treatment and adhesive bond).

Note: Armstrong vinyl composition tile is coated with Fast Start Finish, which does not require removal after installation. It is compatible with commercial floor polishes such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish and eliminates the need to strip the tile.

Preparation for use

- Scrub the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner and a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal) or equivalent brushes.
- Thoroughly rinse floor and allow it to dry.
- Apply three to five coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Floor Sealer should be considered in areas of high traffic, high soil load or high staining potential.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Continuing regular maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum frequently.

- Damp mop the floor, as appearance requires. Use a dilute, neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner. A light scrubbing with an automatic floor machine may also be performed.

- If there is sufficient (three to five coats) polish remaining on the floor, buff, spray buff or burnish to restore gloss.

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Stripping

- Scrub the floor with a stripping solution such as Armstrong S-490 Floor Stripper using a single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal), or equivalent brush.

- Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum.

- Thoroughly rinse with clean water and allow to dry.

Note: No-scrub and/or no-rinse strippers are not recommended on tile floors less than two years old.

- Apply three to five coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish.

Natural Creations - Standard Procedures

Applicable to:

Natural Creations

INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Immediately after installation

- Sweep or vacuum thoroughly.
- Scrub the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner at 4 to 6 ounces per gallon, using a single-disc floor machine equipped with a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal) or equivalent brush.

Do not scrub the floor for at least four or five days after installation (this prevents excess moisture from interfering with the adhesive bond).

Note: Use of a pad is necessary to prepare the surface of the flooring for polish. Use of a pad more aggressive than a 3M blue/green pad may cause unacceptable scratching of the product.

- Thoroughly rinse floor and allow it to dry.
- Apply a minimum of two coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish.

Preparation for use

- Scrub the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner and a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal) or equivalent brush.
- Thoroughly rinse floor and allow it to dry.
- Apply three to five coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Floor Sealer should be considered in areas of high traffic, high soil load or high staining potential.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

Continuing regular maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum frequently.
- Damp mop the floor, as appearance requires. Use a dilute neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner. A light scrubbing with an automatic floor machine may also be performed.
- If there is sufficient (three to five coats) polish remaining on the floor, buff, spray buff or burnish to restore gloss.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Use of good quality maintenance products such as Armstrong commercial floor care products and regular adherence to a quality maintenance program will greatly reduce the need for deep scrubbing and stripping. Stripping should be done only when necessary.

Stripping

- Scrub the floor with a stripping solution such as Armstrong S-490 Floor Stripper using a single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a scrubbing pad (3M blue/green or equal) or equivalent brush.

- Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum.

- Thoroughly rinse with clean water and allow to dry.

Note: No-scrub and/or no-rinse strippers are not recommended on tile floors less than two years old.

- Apply three to five coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Floor Polish.

Specialty Floor

For Slip Retardant Sheet

Applicable to:

Accolade Safe Plus

INITIAL, REGULAR AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Immediately after installation

- Sweep or vacuum thoroughly.
- Damp mop with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner, while carefully scrubbing black marks and excessive soil.
- Do not wet wash, scrub or strip the floor for at least four or five days after installation (this prevents excess moisture from interfering with the seam treatment and adhesive bond).

Note: In order to achieve slip retardance, Accolade Safe Plus employs an embossed surface; this textured surface requires that close attention be paid to maintenance. Do not use **too much polish** because it will reduce the slip-retardant characteristics of the floor's surface.

Preparation for use

- Scrub the floor with a neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner and a scrubbing brush.
- Thoroughly rinse floor and allow it to dry.

Continuing regular maintenance

- Sweep or vacuum frequently.
- Damp mop the floor, as appearance requires. Use a dilute, neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Floor Cleaner. Because of the embossed surface, scrubbing with a low-speed machine (300 rpm or less), equipped with a mildly aggressive brush may be more effective than damp mopping.

Periodic maintenance/ Heavy duty maintenance/ as required

- Stripping should only be done when absolutely necessary.
- Scrub the floor with a stripping solution such as Armstrong S-490 Floor Stripper using a single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a scrub brush.

- Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum.

- Thoroughly rise with clean water and allow to dry.

Note: No-scrub and/or no-rinse strippers are **not** recommended on floors less than two years old.