

CARE AND MAINTENANCE FOR COMMERCIAL FLOORING

PREVENTATIVE CARE

Use extreme care to protect the newly installed floor from rolling loads for the first 48 hours while adhesive is drying

Always use strips of hardwood or plywood when moving heavy objects such as appliances and furniture over the floor even when using carts or dollies with wheels.

- Furniture legs should be equipped with large, flat surface protectors or glides.
- Protect the floor with heavy kraft paper on construction sites where other trades are active and the initial application of floor polish is prohibited. Do not use asphalt- saturated felt paper.
- Remove spills quickly to prevent staining.
- Some solutions contain chemicals that may permanently stain or damage flooring if not cleaned up immediately. Asphalt driveways, particularly those recently installed or resealed with coal tar sealer, can cause permanent staining in prominent traffic areas. Regular maintenance and floor mats placed at entryways will reduce or eliminate coal tar stains. Congoleum recommends the use of latex-emulsion sealers where possible. Avoid damage from tracked-in dirt and grit by placing floor mats at outside entrance doorways. Caution: Rubber-backed mats may cause permanent staining.

Safety Information

Caution: *Wet floors are slippery. Water, other liquids and foreign matter on the surface of the floor can cause it to be slippery and should be removed immediately. Improper waxes and finishes can also cause slipperiness.*

Whenever washing, polishing or stripping floors, traffic should be excluded from the area due to the possibility of slipping.

The use of walk-off mats at entrances will reduce tracked-in water.

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

CARE FOR ALTERNATIVES, CHOICES, CX SERIES, FOUNDATIONS, SELECTIONS, SPECIAL EFFECTS AND SPECIFICATIONS FLOORS

Caution: *DO NOT DRY BUFF, SPRAY BUFF, OR BURNISH COMPOSITION (WITH OR WITHOUT ASBESTOS) OR ASPHALT FLOOR TILE WITHOUT PRIOR APPLICATION OF A METAL CROSS-LINKED ACRYLIC FINISH WHICH IS RESISTANT TO NEUTRAL CLEANERS. DO NOT DRY STRIP UNDER ANY CONDITIONS.*

The listed products must be maintained with floor polish to seal and protect the surface. Apply three to five coats of polish, 48 hours after installation and prior to normal use.

- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove dirt and grit that can abrade, dull or scratch your new floor, Do not use a vacuum with a beater brush, because it may damage the floor's surface

Initial Maintenance

- Allow adhesive to dry a minimum of 48 hours before washing or polishing the floor.
- Remove scuffs and adhesive smears with a clean cloth dampened with lighter fluid. Caution: Lighter fluid is extremely flammable. Read and follow cautions on container label.
- Damp-mop with a dilute solution of No-Rinse Cleaner and rinse with clean water. Avoid flooding the floor.

NOTE: Do not attempt to strip the factory finish on Foundations. Stripping is optional on tile products.

- Allow floor to dry and apply three to five thin coats of floor polish following all label instructions. Five coats are recommended in medium to heavy commercial applications

Regular Maintenance

- Vacuum, sweep, or dust with an untreated mop, daily, to remove loose dirt and grit. Do not use sweeping compounds or oil treated mops.
- Damp-mop floor regularly with a dilute solution of No-Rinse Cleaner. Follow all label instructions. To remove heavy soil use a slow speed floor machine equipped with a medium-grade, natural fiber scrubbing brush and a concentrated cleaner. Rinse floor after scrubbing.
- To refurbish and restore the gloss, clean the floor and spray buff with a high speed floor machine (1000 to 1500 RPM) equipped with a white, tan, or red-colored buffing pad. A dilute solution (1 part polish/2 parts water) can be used for spray buffing.
- After repeated spray buffing operations, additional coats of polish must be applied.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

- Periodically, once or twice a year or as needed, strip the floor polish to avoid build-up.
- Use a floor machine (170 to 330 RPM) equipped with a blue or green pad or a natural fiber, medium grade scrubbing brush and a liquid stripping solution following all label instructions.
- Use a wet/dry vacuum to remove the residual polish and stripping solution.

WARNING

An electric shock hazard exists. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter for any electrical connection in a wet environment.

- Rinse the floor thoroughly with a clean mop, changing water frequently. Allow to dry.
- Re-apply three to five thin coats of floor polish.

Caution: *Severe or extensive damage to the floor will occur if a floor machine is used improperly or carelessly.*

CARE FOR FLOR-EVER PLUS FLOORS

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The listed product has a no-wax surface that requires minimum maintenance. Spray buffing is recommended to maintain and restore the gloss and remove scuffs that may occur with use. Floor polish is generally not required; however, it will provide added protection in areas of heavy traffic.

Initial and Regular Maintenance

- Allow adhesive and seam sealer to dry a minimum of 48 hours before washing the floor.
- Vacuum, sweep, or dust daily with an untreated mop to remove loose dirt and grit.
- Damp-mop regularly with a dilute solution of No-Rinse Cleaner and water. Use a more concentrated solution of No-Rinse Cleaner following all label instructions for heavily soiled floors. Rinsing may be necessary to remove heavy soil. Spray Buffing

To refurbish and restore the gloss, clean the floor thoroughly and spray buff with a low speed machine (170 to 600 RPM) equipped with a white buffing pad. A dilute solution (1 part polish/2 parts water) can be used for spray buffing.

Polishing

Floor polish will provide additional protection in areas of high traffic.

- Thoroughly clean and rinse the floor.
- Allow to dry and apply two to five coats of floor polish.
- Spray buff occasionally to restore the gloss.
- After repeated spray buffing operations, additional coats of polish should be applied.

- Periodically (once or twice a year) strip the floor polish to avoid build-up.
- Use a floor machine (170 to 330 RPM) equipped with a tan or red pad and a liquid stripping solution.
- Use a wet/dry vacuum to remove the residual polish and stripping solution.

WARNING

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- Rinse the floor thoroughly with a clean mop, changing water frequently. Allow to dry.
- Re-apply two to five coats of floor polish.

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FLOOR CARE PRODUCTS

Use Congoleum Commercial floor care products as part of an easy, economical maintenance system that will help preserve the original appearance of the floor.

Congoleum Commercial No-Rinse Cleaner

Order Code: C3085

- Sizes: 128 oz. (1 gallon), 6 bottles/carton; 55 gallon

Caution: EYE IRRITANT

Congoleum Commercial Floor Polish

Order Code: C3090

- 128 oz. (1 gallon), 6 bottles/carton; 55 gallon

Caution: EYE IRRITANT

Congoleum Commercial Stripper/Polish Remover

Order Code: C3095

- Sizes: 128 oz. (1 gallon), 6 bottles/carton; 55 gallon

 WARNING: EYE AND SKIN IRRITANT

