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## Cleaning and Maintenance: LVT

### General Guidelines

All guidelines in this document are based on the most up-to-date information available and should be followed correctly in order to extend the life of your Luxury Vinyl Tiles (LVT).

Luxury Vinyl Tiles require minimal maintenance to keep them looking their best. This makes LVT perfect for high traffic areas, such as retail; workplaces; care homes; schools/colleges; and around the home.

To keep your floor looking its best; dust, mop or vacuum your floor at least twice every week. Avoid using household dust treatment chemicals as this may cause the floor to become slippery or dull the finish.

### Initial Cleaning

Newly installed flooring should be cleaned removing any dirt or residues left over from the installation process. All dust and dirt should be removed quickly by either sweeping or vacuuming. Regular household dirt can be cleaned with warm soapy water, or a cleaning product suitable for LVT; such as Apple Cider Vinegar. The acidity in the vinegar helps remove dirt and grime without leaving build-up of soap. Some hand wiping may be required to remove tough spots and spills.

The frequency of regular cleaning and appropriate method required will depend on the amount of traffic, amount of soiling, and desired appearance.

### Routine Cleaning

1. Regularly sweep the floor to remove loose dirt and dust. Clean the floor by wet wiping using a suitable micro fibre cloth.
2. Manual or Mechanical cleaning: To remove stubborn dirt use anti-bacterial products PH neutral cleaning products. Avoid using bleach-based detergents, which can make the floor slippery or cause discolouration of the floor.

If stubborn dirt cannot be removed using a wet cleaning process. Clean the flooring using a mop or spray mop, which allows you to clean without risk of damaging your floor. Regularly use a polisher with a white pad or a polishing brush in order to ensure optimal preservation of value of cleaned flooring. **Note:** *The incorrect use of cleaning solutions may cause damage and/or discolouration. Overuse or inadequate rinsing of cleaning solutions may compromise the performance of the floor.*

Do not pour water on your floor to clean. Excessive water can cause damage to your subfloor, which is essential to the integrity of the floor. Use a bucket and mop to remove excess water.

LTV itself is highly water resistant, but it is important not to drench when mopping in order to avoid damage to the subfloor; which can cause an LTV to lift. If your floor has been exposed to excessive water, remove the water as soon as possible by mopping and ventilate the room.

If any edges of an individual tile should release from the subfloor, it may be possible to re-adhere, however it is best to seek advice from your retailer before doing so.

Luxury Vinyl Tiles are supplied with an additional UV-cured PUR coating. This coating protects the flooring during its installation and for a short time during which depends on wear.

### **Maintaining the Finish to your Luxury Vinyl Tiles (LVT)**

- To maintain the appearance to your LTV, you will need to remove food stains, grease or liquid spills as soon as possible. This can be done using cleaning liquids and a damp cloth, although you should always follow the manufacturer's instructions of your chosen cleaning product and ensure that is suitable for Luxury Vinyl Tiles.
- Some products do contain agents which can leave a slippery residue, so it is vital to limit the amount that is used.