

STONE POLYMER CLAY (SPC) LVT: GENERAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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Proper care will help protect and maintain the appearance and performance of your SPC / LVT luxury vinyl flooring. A care program consists of key areas: 1) Preventive maintenance; 2) routine maintenance; 3) spot and spill removal. Allow the recommended minimum of 24 hours before moving heavy objects.

New floors should not be saturated or wet cleaned for 5 days after installation. Only damp mopping is recommended between installation and the 5-day period. Always protect floors when moving heavy objects to prevent permanent scratches and tears. The use of plywood and heavy cardboard are examples of protective barriers. Use appropriate wide floor protectors under tables, chairs, and other heavy home furnishing to avoid permanent damage. Walk-off mats should be used at all entrances to absorb soil and moisture. If mats are placed directly on top of floor, use mats without latex or rubber backings.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

Daily removal of dirt and dust is important in the maintenance of your floor. Sweeping, dust mopping, vacuuming are recommendations to remove soil particles that can result in scratches and worn appearances. Do not use vacuums with rotating beater bars on hard surfaces.

Periodic wet cleaning will be necessary to help maintain the floor's appearance. Always pre-vacuum or dust mop before any type of wet cleaning. Appropriate vinyl floor cleaning equipment and cleaning agents (neutral pH cleaners) are recommended. Do not use abrasive cleaners or cleaning agents that leave dull residues on the surface of the floors. Follow the cleaning manufacturer's instructions for damp mopping and application. If rinsing is necessary, use clean water and expedite drying with air movers or fans.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Absorb wet spills as quickly as possible by blotting with white paper or cloth towels. Rinse with water if necessary and blot dry. Dried spots should be removed by gentle agitation and rinsed with water. Blot dry. Do not use detergents or abrasive cleaners since these products can leave a dull residue. Use rubbing alcohol (isopropyl alcohol) with a clean white cloth for spots requiring a solvent type cleaner that water and cleaning agents cannot remove.

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