

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

HARLEQUIN VINYL TILES

Harlequin Vinyl Tiles require minimum maintenance to retain their desired appearance. The frequency with which they must be cleaned depends largely on the amount and type of traffic.

FIRST CLEANING AFTER COMMERCIAL INSTALLATION

1. Use a 17" or 19" polisher (150-350 RPM) equipped with a white pad. Use a pH neutral cleaner, 3 cups per 1 gallon of cold water. Apply evenly to the floor surface. Wait 15 to 20 minutes before scouring with the polisher.
2. After a complete scouring of the floor, remove soiled water with a mop or vacuum. Then rinse with a mixture of water and vinegar (1 ounce of ordinary vinegar per 1 gallon of cold water). Let dry.
3. Dry buff with a white or beige polishing pad at 150-350 RPM for a satin or high luster finish.

REGULAR CLEANING

1. **Cleaning:** The floor covering must be cleaned regularly with a dry mop, stains must all be removed. To remove dust, it is better to use a dry mop instead of a vacuum.
 - a. Lightly soiled floors may be damp-mopped with a pH neutral cleaner and water solution.
 - b. If the floor is heavily soiled, it should be cleaned with a safe for vinyl stripper diluted in cold water (refer to "First Cleaning..." instructions – Paragraphs 1 and 2)
 - c. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clear, cool water to remove all soil residue. Allow it to dry.
2. **Finishing:** Dry buff with white polishing pad at 150-350 RPM for a satin or high luster finish.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE TIPS

NOTE: Oil mops, oil sprays or oil containing sweeping compounds are not recommended for use on Harlequin Vinyl Tile flooring.

1. **Floor Protection:** Floors must be protected against excessive static loads and abrasion when moving furniture. The removal of small metal domes from furniture is always recommended. Plastic caster and glides of adequate size should be used to protect the floor surface. Be sure to protect using felt paper or reinstalling proper caster. Protective devices should be cleaned periodically to prevent damage when dirt and grit accumulate and are dragged on floors.

2. **Direct Sunlight:** Harlequin Vinyl Tile floors constantly exposed to direct sunlight at temperatures over 100°F (38°C) could conceivably result in alteration of dimension, indentation and possible surface color fading. Protect accordingly with drapes or blinds drawn over windows during peak sunlight hours.
3. **Throw Rugs:** Some types of throw rugs are backed with latex, which may damage the resilient floorings. Always make certain the rug supplier can assure that the rugs have non-staining backing.
4. **Stains:** Certain materials will stain any resilient floorings. These materials include lipstick, solvent type fluid and paste wax, fresh asphalt paving, rubber matting, rug padding and paint pigmentation used on exterior concrete steps and porches. Dark colored asphalt tile located adjacent to or near vinyl floors may cause tracking of color on the vinyl. Harlequin Vinyl Tile flooring must be adequately protected from contact with such materials since, in many cases, the stains are difficult or impossible to remove.
 - ❖ **WARNING:** The extremely high forces exerted by stiletto or high-heeled traffic (dynamic loads of 1,000 PSI or more) may visibly damage resilient floorings. American Harlequin will not accept claims for damage caused by stiletto or high-heeled traffic.