

# Cleaning and Maintenance

Appropriate maintenance procedures will help to preserve the appearance and will extend the life of a Design Floors design floor. The frequency of maintenance will depend on the amount and type of traffic, degree of soiling and the floor colour & type. Design Floors has a Protectonite-PU lacquer on top of the resistant wear layer. This lacquer protects against soiling and makes overall maintenance easier. Protectonite also makes a prior treatment with protection polish unnecessary.

## EXTERNAL CONDITIONS

The appropriate management of external conditions can help to protect the flooring, which saves time and expense on cleaning and maintenance, and also extends its lifespan. Most soiling comes from an external source and is transported indoors by foot and rolling traffic. If dirt lodges under sliding furniture, the flooring will not only be soiled but will also suffer (light) damage in the form of scratches.



## ENTRANCE MATS

A proper clean-off zone is strongly recommended. It will reduce the soiling of the flooring by as much as 70%. Entrance mats, when properly serviced, can effectively remove any abrasive and foreign materials from foot traffic and reduce the amount of absorbed water. Design Floors recommends a minimum of two full strides of entrance matting. Where possible, prevent dirt from reaching the floor. A suitable barrier matting system will help prevent soiling and abrasive material from entering a building and make maintenance easier.

Regularly clean the clean-off zone so that it functions optimally. Prevent fibres from the clean-off mat from running or adhering together with dirt. As far as possible, remove sand and adherent dirt such as chewing gum using a spray or gum remover. Replace the clean-off mat in time to ensure an optimal functioning dirt entrapment zone.

Avoid rubber or latex backed mats as these may leave stains.

## Important:

- Take care to immediately wipe up any spillages on the vinyl flooring to minimise the risk of permanent staining occurring.
- Vinyl flooring can be slippery when wet.
- If the use of a neutral detergent is necessary then follow the rules and mixing proportion quantities of the manufacturer.
- After cleaning, the floor should be dry within 1 or 2 minutes so there is no residual water with cleaning detergent and dirt remaining on the floor.

## PROTECTION OF SLIDING FURNITURE

Good protective caps have a sufficiently large support surface, possibly a hinge to ensure a straight contact between the furniture and the flooring, and are made of a non-absorbent material to prevent the ingress of moisture and dirt.



## XTRAFLOOR CLEANER MAINTAINER

Our range of cleaning products has been specially formulated for use with Design Floors' products. Our concentrated cleaner is suitable for daily and weekly cleaning and can be used with all cleaning methods, such as damp or wet mopping, combine machine, spray cleaning and scrubbing.

## REGULAR CLEANING

### Remove daily dirt

- Sweeping
- Dry mopping
- Vacuum cleaning

### Spot and stain removal

- Damp cloth
- Hand pad

### Damp mopping

- Microfibre damp mop
- Traditional mop (as dry as possible)

## XTRAFLOOR SPOT REMOVER

A ready to use cleaner formulated for removal of spills and other deposits. Xtrafloor supplies a range of maintenance products which are recommended for cleaning Design Floors products. Products containing soap or unsuitable detergents such as washing up liquid may leave hard-to-remove film or residue on the surface. These can detract from the floor's appearance and may be slippery. Xtrafloor maintenance products are carefully manufactured to produce the highest performance when used in accordance with the instructions on the box.

## OCCASIONAL CLEANING

### Mopping

- Damp mopping
- Traditional mopping (as dry as possible)

### Combine machine

- Red scrub pad
- Neutral detergent
- Low amount of water!

## MAINTENANCE:

### Spray cleaning

- High-speed (450 rpm)
- Red drybuff pad
- Spray bottle with neutral detergent

### Camouflage minor scratches

- High-speed (450 rpm)
- PU refresher
- Red drybuff pad
- Cotton cloths



### Important part from the warranty:

- Almost all flooring will vary in colour over time when exposed to UV light. Avoid this by using curtains or sunscreens when the sun is very bright.
- Avoid rubber or latex backed mats as they may leave stains. Also rubber and latex castors (we advice castors type 'W' in accordance with EN 12529) or protection caps under furniture cannot be used.
- Protect against scratching from furniture feet by using wide free-moving castors, glides, rollers or felt pads. Use furniture caps under heavy items or appliances to prevent indentation.
- In case of loose lay installation, damage of the vinyl flooring caused by heavy overload or sliding activities is not covered by the warranty conditions.
- Do not allow cigarettes, matches and other very hot items to contact the floor as this causes permanent damage.

**Important:** Cleaning or maintenance may only take place if the Design Floors' design floors are correctly installed and there are no visible imperfections.

Contact your Moduleo® design floors representative / retailer for the complete warranty conditions.