



### **Immediately following installation**

During the first 48 hours after installation:

- Keep foot traffic to a minimum (recommended).
- Sweep the floor to remove loose dirt.
- Use only a non-abrasive cleaner.
- Do not use a vacuum with a rotating beater bar.
- Wait 24 hours before putting furniture on the floor (for glue down products).

Following these instructions will ensure proper curing of the product.

### **Use protective mats**

It is important to use a good quality entry mat to trap dirt, sand and other substances such as oil that would otherwise be tracked onto your floor. These mats will also help protect your flooring from premature wear. Mats are also suggested at heavy pivot locations, such as in front of your kitchen sink or stove. If mats are placed directly on top of the resilient floors, use mats without latex or rubber backings to avoid possible discoloration.

### **Use chair and appliance pads to protect your vinyl floor**

Make sure furniture legs have large surface, non-staining floor protectors. Replace small, narrow metal or dome-shaped glides with smooth, flat guides that are in full contact with the floor. Heavy furniture or appliances that are not moved often should be equipped with flat, non-staining composition furniture casters or cups of appropriate size.

### **Preventive Maintenance**

By taking some preventative measures, you can extend the look and life of your vinyl flooring. The number one point to remember is to never push, pull, or drag furniture across your vinyl floors. Dragging any kind of weighted object like this can create both scuff marks and scratches on your vinyl flooring. To maintain your floors and avoid damage, the best practice we recommend is to always lift and carry your furniture – enlist your family members or friends to help out!

For those heavy pieces of furniture or appliances that are not moved often, they should be equipped with flat, non-staining floor protectors. These floor protectors will help prevent dents from forming in the vinyl flooring underneath the furniture.

## **Routine Maintenance**

As part of your everyday habits, there are several additional steps you can take to maintain your vinyl flooring. While vacuums can be used to clean vinyl, you' ll want to avoid using a vacuum with a "beater bar." Beater bars are great for loosening dirt from carpet, but they can do quite a number on your vinyl floors. Most vacuums today come equipped with a "bare floor" setting; engaging this setting will help avoid damage to your vinyl floor while still getting it clean.

For an extra layer of protection on your vinyl floors, consider investing in high-quality floor mats. You can place the mats at entrances and exits to collect and trap corrosive substances that can be tracked in, such as dirt, sand, oil, grit, asphalt, and even driveway sealer.

## **Follow these simple cleaning tips to help keep your flooring looking great**

### **Do**

- Sweep your floors regularly to remove loose dirt and grit.
- Wipe up any spills as soon as possible.
- Clean your floors using Hard Surface Cleaner. Simply spray the cleaner on the floor and use a dry mop.
- For spills, use Hard Surface Cleaner and wipe clean with a dry white cloth. No rinsing necessary!

### **Don't**

- Use harsh chemicals.
- Use steam.
- Use a vacuum with a beater bar or brush.