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**RESILIENT
CARE
GUIDE**



RESILIENT CARE TIPS

All types of resilient flooring are generally stain and water resilient, durable, and comfortable to stand or work on. Each type of flooring material requires routine, periodic, interim and restorative cleaning procedures in order to maintain its appearance and prolong its life.



Cleaning Laminate Floors

Modern resilient tile is so easy to maintain that the biggest problem you're likely to experience is the tendency to overdo it. Too much maintenance causes premature wear and dulling.

A regular schedule of vacuuming (not with an upright model or beater-bar attachment) and damp-mopping keeps a resilient floor in tip-top shape. If you need to address an unusually soiled spot with a cleaning solution, use a product recommended by the manufacturer. Steer clear of generic products made for all floors.

The chemicals in vinyl tile are prone to interact with the chemicals in other synthetic products, especially the rubber backings of area rugs. Many rubber backings stain vinyl. Don't use a rubber-backed rug unless the manufacturer or retailer gives the OK.

Be wary of felt or fiber scratch guards that self-stick to the bottom of furniture legs. They work initially but gradually accumulate grit and scratch the floor. Check them periodically and replace when they fill up with dirt.

You can remove some minor scuffing with a tile cleaner and #0000 steel wool. Rub gently.

Removing Stains from Vinyl Tile

Stain: Asphalt, shoe polish

Remove with: Citrus-base cleaner or mineral spirits

Stain: Candle wax

Remove with: Scrape carefully with plastic spatula

Stain: Crayon

Remove with: Mineral spirits or manufacturer's cleaner

Stain: Grape juice, wine, mustard

Remove with: Full-strength bleach or manufacturer's cleaner

Stain: Heel marks

Remove with: Nonabrasive household cleaner; if stain remains use rubbing alcohol.

Stain: Lipstick

Remove with: Rubbing alcohol or mineral spirits

Stain: Nail polish

Remove with: Nail polish remover

Stain: Paint or varnish

Remove with: Wipe with water or mineral spirits while still wet. If dry, scrape carefully with a thin plastic spatula. If stain still shows dab with rubbing alcohol.

Stain: Pen ink

Remove with: Citrus-based cleaner, rubbing alcohol, or mineral spirits

Stain: Permanent marker

Remove with: Mineral spirits, nail polish remover, or rubbing alcohol

Stain: Rust

Remove with: Oxalic acid and water (1 part acid to 10 parts water); extremely caustic; follow all directions.

After removing the stain wipe the area with a damp cloth to remove residue.