

MAINTENANCE

Bolyu Luxury Vinyl Tiles are engineered with a UV cured polyurethane finish that incorporates a permanent antimicrobial treatment to ensure they perform even in the heaviest traffic areas. This high performance polyurethane surface finish allows for maximum appearance retention, easier maintenance and resistance to soiling, staining and scuffing. Dressing or polish is optional.

Color and Design Selection

The color and design of flooring can greatly impact the apparent cleanliness of the space. Light colors tend to show dark colored soil and dark colors tend to show light colored soil. Patterned flooring generally has better soil concealing characteristics than plain flooring.

Entrance Systems

Because the majority of dirt in any building comes in from the outside, it's good practice to "design-in" an effective entrance walk off system. A walk off system should extend far enough from the entrance so that the average person will take 4-10 steps walking across it.

If using loose lay matting ensure it has a non-rubber type backing as rubber can adversely affect vinyl flooring over time, causing yellowing discoloration.

Regardless of the type of entrance system in place, they should also be cleaned and cared for on a regular basis.

When performing cleaning and maintenance always use proper signage and prohibit traffic until the floor is completely dry.

Newly installed Luxury Vinyl Tile flooring

- Keep furniture, fixtures and rolling traffic off the floor for at least 48 hours
- Always use plywood or other board when moving heavy objects across the floor
- Remove adhesive residue using a clean cloth dampened with mineral spirits. Follow label and MSDS instructions
- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove all loose dirt and grit.
- Wait 48 hours before wet cleaning the new floor

Initial Maintenance

- Dust mop the floor to ensure all loose dirt and/or grit is removed
- Mix a of pH neutral solution such as Diversey Stride Neutral Cleaner in a clean container with warm water at the manufacturers recommended dilution rate

- Mop or scrub the floor with a micro fiber pad. If desired a RED 3M pad #5100 or equivalent can be used
- Rinse completely and thoroughly with clean, cool, tap water. **Do not flood the floor**
- Repeat rinsing as many times as necessary to remove all traces of soil and cleaning solution
- Take up rinse water and permit flooring to dry completely

NEVER USE BLACK OR BROWN PADS ON BOLYU LUXURY VINYL TILE FLOORING

Routine Maintenance

- Daily dry mopping, or sweeping to remove dirt and tracking in dry soil is recommended
- Thoroughly clean the flooring using pH neutral solution such as Diversey Stride Neutral Cleaner with microfiber pads or mops
- Use a separate clean damp micro fiber mop or an auto scrubber with a WHITE pad at a low speed of 175 rpm or less
- Rinse completely and thoroughly with clean, cool, tap water. **Do not flood the floor**
- Repeat rinsing as many times as necessary to remove all traces of soil and cleaning solution
- Take up rinse water and permit flooring to dry completely

BURNISHING OR HIGH SPEED BUFFING WITH MACHINES OPERATING AT GREATER THAN 1500 RPM IS NOT RECOMMENDED

Maintaining Bolyu LVT using Diversey Wiwax™

Using an automatic scrubbing machine;

- Close off area for cleaning using proper signage
- Dust mop the floor to ensure all loose dirt and/or grit is removed
- Add 4oz per gallon (30ml per liter) of Wiwax™ to lukewarm water. Scrub the floor, and then use a separate microfiber mop on excessive wet areas left behind the scrubber.
- Allow floor to dry completely
- DO NOT RINSE THE FLOOR AFTER CLEANING
- Re-open area

Using a mop and bucket;

- Close off area for cleaning using proper signage
- Dust mop the floor to ensure all loose dirt and/or grit is removed
- Add 2oz per gallon (15ml per liter) of Wiwax™ to lukewarm water. Mop the floor clean. Pick up soil and excess cleaner with a tightly wrung-out cleaning mop.
- Allow floor to dry completely
- DO NOT RINSE THE FLOOR AFTER CLEANING
- Re-open area

Note: Occasional cleaning with Wiwax™ will add a slight shine to the floor.

Additional Recommendations

- Apart from sterile areas and in occurrences of blood or bodily spills, the CDC does not require the use of disinfectant on flooring. When not diluted properly and rinsed, disinfectant cleaning products can adversely affect flooring and add to the maintenance burden by leaving a residue. In the event a disinfectant is required the following products may be used; Virex II 256, Triad III (from Diversey). **Please note, application of these products is the responsibility of the facility, manufacturer's instructions regarding dilution rates, usage and rinsing must be strictly adhered to. Technical issues for these products must be directed to the manufacturer, not Bolyu**
- Maintain a regular cleaning schedule to keep dirt and dust off the floor and to keep it looking and performing at optimal levels
- Do not use acetone based liquids such as nail polish remover to clean stains
- Do not use any highly abrasive or solvent based cleaners, as they can damage vinyl flooring, always check with the manufacturer of the cleaner before using
- Avoid using scraping tools which could remove the wear layer of the product
- Clean up all spills as soon as they occur...a spill is a stain waiting to happen!
- Use appropriate feet protectors for all furniture
- Scratching can be an issue with all vinyl floors, they all scratch and particularly dark visuals will show it more
- Felt chair pads are typically the best type to use as they are less likely to chip unlike polyamide/nylon/plastic and metal which in turn can damage vinyl.
- If using polyamide/plastic or metal gliders best they check frequently and change damaged ones immediately.
- Use Wiwax to help reduce any scratched surfaces
- Certain anti-oxidants in rubber can permanently stain vinyl flooring. Therefore, use only non-staining urethane furniture feet, castors or mats.
- Some PVC wheel castors contain carbon black and will also permanently stain vinyl and should be avoided

For questions relating to cleaning and maintaining Bolyu Luxury Vinyl Tiles, please contact our Technical Services Department at; (800) 451-1250, ext. 2659

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