



MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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Introduction

Impact-Tile® rubber flooring should always be maintained in a clean and free from detrial material, condition The surface of the flooring should be kept free of grease, gasoline, paint, paint thinner, solvents, mineral oils, alkaline substances, bleaching agents and other harmful chemicals. In case of spillage, the flooring must be cleaned of such substances immediately. To avoid scratching, heavy furniture should not be dragged on the flooring. When installed with rubber based contact adhesives, the flooring must not be exposed to excessive moisture or water and if such is the case, flooring must be vacuum dried immediately. As a precaution against accidental damage, Impact-Tile® rubber flooring installations should be done when all other decorating trade activities are completed. Impact-Tile® rubber is not pre coated with a factory finish therefore should be kept clean to the best of ability until the protective floor finish has been applied after installation.

Note: Never cover the surface with plastic throw sheets until both the adhesive and protective floor finish are cured.

New Floor Initial Care

Step 1 - Preparation

The removal of any adhesive on the face of the flooring should be completed by the flooring contractor while the adhesive is fresh.

1. If residue of the adhesive is still uncured or soft, remove with tee tree oil on a cloth.
2. If the adhesive is hard, removal is almost impossible, and will have to be cut off or the affected area be replaced.

Step 2 - Initial Cleaning

Caution: Allow at least 24 hours for/and or complete adhesive cure prior to initial wet cleaning of Impact-Tile® Flooring.

1. Sweep or blow the floor clean.
2. Prepare a neutral floor cleaning solution (pH of 7-8).
3. Apply the solution using a nylon or rayon mop.
4. Wet vacuum or mop up the solution.
5. Rinse with water and then remove all water using a wet/dry vacuum.

Step 3 - Application of the protective floor finish

Caution: Make sure the floor is completely dry before applying Prothane finish

Note: Never cover the surface with plastic throw sheets until both the adhesive and protective floor finish are cured.

A1 Rubber™ recommends sealing all Impact-Tile® flooring with Prothane a gloss aromatic moisture-curing polyurethane, which cures to give extremely tough and hardwearing films with excellent flexibility, abrasion-resistance, chemical-resistance and gloss. Prothane may be used for coating interior surfaces, including concrete, particleboard, wooden floors and cork tiles. It is designed principally for trade and professional use and is supplied ready to apply. Allow a minimum of 24 hours for the adhesive to fully cure before any sealer is applied. All sealers must be applied by experienced and competent applicators. Using Prothane apply evenly to a 10mm nap roller making sure to roll out any saturated areas on the roller using a paint tray. Make sure not to allow pooling of the sealer on the Impact-Tile®s this could be detrimental to the flooring and the flooring finish (refer to installation guide for Prothane for more comprehensive guidelines). A1 Rubber™ recommends that 2 coats of Prothane is applied to get the best results, allow each coat to dry completely before applying further coats. The surface can tolerate light foot traffic 16 hours after final coat has been applied. Wait 24 hours before regular traffic is allowed to be applied to the surface.



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Regular Cleaning

Impact-Tile® flooring should be swept or vacuumed free of dirt and dust, stains removed by a damp cloth or mop, using soap or a neutral detergent and rinsed by a damp cloth or mop. The flooring should then be dried with a dry cloth or mop. Solvents, petroleum derivatives, oil, grease or polish removing chemicals, alkaline substances and such chemicals harmful to rubber must never be used to clean the flooring as these will greatly harm the flooring and the adhesive.

Note: Dust and dirt should be swept or vacuumed. Stains removed with a damp cloth or mop, followed by a dry cloth or mop.

Deep Cleaning

1. Sweep the floor.
2. Prepare a Ph neutral floor cleaning solution (pH of 7-8) using a Ph neutral (we recommend a Duplex Scrubber) detergent mixed in warm water.
3. Apply the solution with a nylon or rayon mop. If an automatic scrubber is used, apply the solution with the machine.
4. Scrub the wet surface with a mop or automatic scrubber with soft white nylon brush.
5. Remove the solution with a mop or wet vacuum or with the scrubbing machine with the vacuum turned on.

CAUTION:

- DO NOT use strong solvent cleaners!
- NEVER use gasoline, turpentine or acetone!
- DO NOT use black, brown, green, red or beige scrub pads, these are too harsh!
- DO NOT use cleaning and polishing machines that exceed 350 RPM!
- DO NOT apply unapproved acrylics, waxes or top coating.
- DO NOT over saturate the flooring with water.

If Impact-Tile® flooring has been subjected to any of the following, the flooring will look very dull and will pick up tracked soil easily.

- Over and/or harsh scrubbing
- Solvent or acid spill
- Over concentration of cleaner
- Abrasive pad or too stiff a brush

A1 Rubber™ Impact-Tile® flooring recommend sealing tiles as required for longer life of the product.

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