

Belgotex vinyl ranges are high quality products. If they are maintained in the correct way they will perform for many years. The frequency of maintenance is completely dependent on the room, colour, design, and of course intensity, of everyday use.

## General recommendations

- It is advisable to vacuum your floor daily or remove dust and dirt with a soft brush.
- For more intensive maintenance, clean the floor with warm water and mild detergent.
- Always use clean water.
- Chemical solvents are prohibited because they affect the gloss.
- Never use undiluted bleach or leave a dilution of bleach and water for too long on the floor.
- A neutral cleaner should always be used (mid table PH 3-5).

## Maintenance Tips

Tips to help prevent some of the most common problems:

- Where possible use furniture with broad legs or large castors.
- Use protection pads on furniture with sharp edges or legs. This protection used should not contain bitumen which causes indelible brown stains.
- Faulty castors and sharp edges should immediately be removed.
- Burning cigarettes and matches can cause irreparable damage to the flooring.
- The use of doormats (without bitumen) is recommended to keep out most of the dirt and dust.
- These vinyls are resistant to most fluids. In case of most spillages it is normally sufficient to remove them immediately with a damp cloth.
- The use of stiletto heels is not recommended. These can cause irreparable damage.
- Strong direct sunlight can cause colour changes, therefore it is recommended to protect the flooring from direct sunlight.
- Never move or drag heavy furniture or heavy appliances across the surface of the flooring. The use of wheels or gliding mats is strongly recommended.
- A steam mop should never be used on your vinyl as this will void all warranties

## Maintenance for extreme stains

Spirit-based products such as shoe polish, solvents, hair dye, permanent marker pens, earthy based material (ie mud, clay, garden material) will need to be wiped up immediately and if left for too long will cause permanent damage (ie plasticizer migration) to the floor covering and is excluded from the manufacturer's warranty.

Other products which have a high acidic/ alkalinity level such as mustard, canned food, candy, fruit, fruit juices, turmeric, mustard, tomatoes and strongly coloured foods blood, urine, excrement, vomit etc, we recommend using a suitable cloth or a towel soaked with a neutral PH floor cleaner and water and Cleaning must be done immediately, or plasticizer migration, discolouration, shrinkage, or embrittlement will occur to the floor covering.

Textured surfaces may require a manual deep clean determined by the amount of soiling. Using a neutral ph floor cleaner and a soft nylon brush. After scrubbing remove dirty water, rinse with clean water and dry with a clean cloth.

## Rubber Migration

Rubber Migration (sometimes referred to as Plasticiser Migration) is a condition that can cause vinyl to discolour. It is caused by rubber or latex products, eg rubber or latex-soled slippers, shoes and rubber-backed mats, coming into contact with the vinyl over a constant period of time. It is not a manufacturing or an installation fault and therefore is not covered by any warranties.