

Karndean Commercial Cleaning and Maintenance Guidelines



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Our luxury vinyl tile floors are easy to clean and maintain, but as with any flooring, the correct procedures should be followed

Initial clean before use

- Sweep up and remove all loose debris, dirt and dust. Ensure all traces of adhesives are removed.
- Clean the floor with appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution*.
- For larger areas, use a scrubber dryer or rotary machine 175 rpm with a 3M white pad or equivalent. Pick up dirty water, rinse with clean water and allow to dry.
- For small areas use a mop in place of the scrubber dryer, rinse and allow to dry.

Regular cleaning

The frequency of regular cleaning will depend on the amount of traffic and soiling levels. Use one of the following methods:

Scrubber dryer/rotary machine

- First, sweep up to remove all dirt and dust.
- Clean the floor with appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution*.
- Use a scrubber dryer or rotary machine 175 rpm with a 3M white pad or equivalent (If using a machine fitted with brushes, they should be of the soft nylon type).
- Pick up excess or dirty water using the scrubber-dryer's vacuum, a wet-vac, or a damp mop. Allow the floor to air dry.

Manual clean

- Sweep up and remove dirt and dust.
- Apply liberal quantities of appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution*. Then clean the floor using a mop with overlapping strokes. Use two buckets one for fresh cleaning solution and the other for rinsing/wringing the mop.
- Make a final pass with clean-water and allow to dry.

Periodic maintenance

This is only suitable for removal of light soiling in small/ medium areas.

Spray cleaning

- Sweep up to remove all dirt and dust. Use appropriately diluted neutral pH cleaning solution. We recommend the use of our 'Clean' in a spray container*.
- Apply a fine mist to a small area and use a rotary buffing machine up to 175 rpm with a 3M white pad or equivalent, ensuring the pad is kept damp.

Additional maintenance advice

- Entrance mats help prevent dirt, water and grit from being walked in, which would otherwise create slip hazards or cause damage. They should be of an appropriate type and size ideally enough for two paces with each foot. Ensure they are cleaned regularly to maintain effectiveness.
- All hard floors can be slippery when wet. Take extra care when cleaning and ensure the floor area is allowed to dry completely before use. Mop up spillages immediately to avoid slips and staining.
- Our cleaning products are recommended as some products may damage the floor surfaces. Avoid using bleach.
- Prevent aerosol sprays or silicone-based products contacting floor, as these can make the floor slippery.
- We recommend using load-bearing castors for mobile items and felt protector pads for stationary furniture.
- Take care when using vacuum cleaners, as some may not be suitable for use on our floors. (Refer to vacuum cleaner manufacturer to confirm suitability).
- If surface scratching does appear this can be improved by using our 'Remove' and 'Commercial Refresh'.

* We recommend the use of 'Karndean Clean' which has been fully tested across our range of products. For alternative cleaning solutions, please consult with the manufacturer for their recommended usage guidelines and associated warranties for use with Karndean products.