

### Floor Protection

Proper protection should be followed, such as covering the entire floor with newspaper or some other type of floor covering (paneling, plastic, plywood, etc.) until job construction is complete. Once the construction is completed, follow the cleaning and maintenance procedures.

### Regular Floor Maintenance

A regular maintenance program is extremely important and increases the life of the floor and finish. The frequency of cleaning depends on the amount of traffic on the floor. For general cleaning, a neutral cleaner/mild detergent should be used.

### Cleaning & Maintenance Procedures

- A. **Post Installation** - Do not wash the floor for at least 5 days after installation. An initial cleaning needs to be done to remove any dirt and grit from the job site and to prepare the floor prior to applying a sealer or finish. Failure to clean properly will cause finish bonding issues as well as the entrapment of dirt in the floor.

To avoid possible damage to the flooring, the following should never be used on the floor:

- Steel wool or abrasive brushes
  - Abrasive or alkaline cleaners
  - Solvents of any type
- a. Thoroughly clean entire floor of dirt and debris. Dry vacuum to ensure all fine soil is removed.
- b. Use neutral cleaner/mild detergent and damp mop the entire floor and rinse with clean water.
- c. Wet vacuum or mop any remaining soiled solution if needed. Allow rubber floor to dry thoroughly.
- d. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper application of floor sealer (if applicable – see Sealing Rubber Flooring for Instructions)
- B. **General/Daily Cleaning**
- a. Thoroughly clean entire floor of dirt and debris. Dry vacuum to ensure all fine soil removed.
- b. Use neutral cleaner/mild detergent and damp mop the entire floor and rinse with clean water.
- c. Wet vacuum or mop any remaining soiled solution if needed. Allow rubber floor to dry thoroughly.

### Sealing Rubber Flooring

Sealing rubber flooring is recommended for flooring with 70% Fleck and up.

- A. Follow Post Installation Procedure.
- B. Allow floor to dry thoroughly before applying floor sealer.
- C. Apply Husky Sealer using a roller or sponge type mop in medium coats (2 coats minimum, 4 coats max).
- D. After there is no tackiness to the touch allow sealer to dry an additional 10 minutes before applying the next coat.
- E. After applying the final coat allow at least 30 minutes before any traffic is allowed on surface. The longer the cure before traffic, the better the wear resistance will be. (Approximate coverage is 1500 sq. ft. per gallon).

**Sealer Maintenance** – See General/Daily Cleaning

### Sealer Restoration

When sealer is worn, scrub thoroughly with neutral cleaner/mild detergent and recoat with one or two coats over worn sealer. If the sealer is kept clean and build-up is avoided no stripping of the sealer will be necessary

### Restorative Sealed Floor Maintenance

When noticeable accumulation of dirt and other contaminants become embedded in the rubber floor finish, a quality floor stripper should be used to remove the existing finish. Areas typically needed to be restored include high-traffic walkways, tight or confined spaces, and along baseboards.

- A. Apply floor stripper and remove per the manufacturer's instructions.
- B. Use neutral cleaner/mild detergent to the stripped area.
- C. See Daily Cleaning Instructions.
- D. Once cleaned and allowed to dry, apply sealer to restore the finish of the treated area. See Sealing Rubber Flooring.

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