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Ceramic Tile - Routine Care

Contaminants and spills on a glazed ceramic tile are, generally, easier to clean than other, more impervious surfaces. Glazed tile products should be cleaned routinely with an all-purpose, low VOC household or commercial cleaner. The product chosen should also be grout joint cleaning compatible. The type of product may vary depending on the tile application and use. A multipurpose spray cleaner, which removes soap scum, hard water deposits, and mildew designed for every day use, can be used on wall tile areas in residential baths and showers.

The entire area should be cleaned and scrubbed with cleaner solution through the use of a cotton mop, cloth, sponge, or non-metallic brush. The entire area should be rinsed with clean water to remove any cleaning solution residue. Remember that you should sweep or vacuum floor areas prior to cleaning to remove any dust or debris. Routine cleaners should never contain hazardous or polluting products including, but not limited to acids or ammonia. Acids can damage the grout and the glazed surface of the tile, and ammonia can discolor the grout.

Unglazed tile should be cleaned routinely with concentrated tile cleaners that have a neutral pH for safe regular use. These cleaners are better suited at removing grease, oils and normal spills from unglazed products. Again these products will vary depending on the application, amount of traffic and the use. The product chosen should also be compatible with cleaning the grout joints at the same time.

Removal of Sealers/Waxes/Floor Finishes:

If you need to remove a topical sealer or floor wax from a ceramic tile you should use a Tile Sealer & Adhesive remover. Always test a small area first. Apply a liberal amount of undiluted sealer & adhesive remover to a manageable area. Allow setting without drying until coating or residue softens. Reapply if necessary until sealer softens and can be removed. If necessary, agitate with white nylon scrub pad. Wipe up the residue with a cotton towel or sponge. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. Do not use on natural stone products.

Glass Tiles

For routine cleaning, use any non-abrasive cleaning compound recommended for either glass or tile

Metal Signatures/Metal Ages/Urban Metals

To clean, use a liquid non-abrasive household cleaner.

DO NOT use scouring pads, steel wool, sandpaper or other abrasive products.

Avoid cleaners containing ammonia, bleach, abrasives, or other hazardous/polluting compounds.

Always test in small inconspicuous area while using a new cleaner to ensure compatibility.

Ceramic Tile - Grout Care

Grout is the material used to fill the spaces between the individual tiles. Grout comes in many colors. While color is important to the final finished look of the tile installation, it has little effect on the functionality of the grout. The purpose of grout is, simply, to fill the joint between the tiles and becomes a permanent, integral component of the finished installation.

Penetrating/Impregnating Sealer:

Most tile installations use cementitious grouts. This type of grout should be sealed after installation to prevent the color from staining. The grout should be sealed with a penetrating/impregnating sealer (often called grout sealers) which does not contain silicone, as silicone can shorten the useful life of the sealer. Epoxy grouts, conversely, are chemically cured and acid resistant and, as a result, do not require a sealer. The application of a good quality penetrating/impregnating sealer into the grout joints of a cementitious grout will not change the natural color of the grout, but will prevent the penetration of moisture, simplify maintenance, and help prevent staining or discoloration. Only the grout needs to be sealed, not glazed floor or wall tiles. Grout can be sealed seventy-two hours after installation.

There are different grades of penetrating/impregnating sealers, therefore the useful life and price will differ between a low quality and high quality sealer. You may need to reapply the sealer on an annual basis depending on the sealer quality, traffic patterns, and maintenance routine. Some sealers have multiple year warranties for useful life. Refer to the manufacturer warranty, technical & product information for specific details on product installation, useful life, and product applications (including any warnings) before use.

Grout Maintenance:

Neither sealing the grout nor using a 100% Epoxy Grout will guarantee against surface build-up or discoloration of the grout. Grout needs to be cleaned on a periodic basis to remove any surface build-up. Routine grout cleaning can be done with a daily concentrated household or commercial cleaner depending on the application. When heavy duty grout cleaning is required, you will need to use a professional strength Tile & Grout Cleaner that is capable of removing grease, soap scum, body oil, mildew stains, algae, and synthetic or acrylic waxes from the grout joints. However, such a product should contain non-polluting chemicals and low VOC levels. This type of product can be purchased from most Home Centers, or through your local professional Floor Covering Dealer.

Grout Color Restoration:

When grout has been stained to the point that it cannot be maintained or returned to its natural color, you can return the grout back to its original color or any other color through the use of a "grout stain". Grout Stains are epoxy-based products that are specifically designed to penetrate into the grout and seal the surface with a permanent color. Once the grout has been stained there is no need to seal it any further with a penetrating/impregnating sealer. Prior to staining the grout joint should be cleaned thoroughly to remove any dirt, oil, grease or sealers with a professional strength Tile & Grout Cleaner. This can be purchased from most Home Centers or through your local Professional Floor Covering Dealer.

Ceramic Tile - New Installations

Immediately after tile has been properly installed and grouted, the new installation should be covered with brown paper to protect it from debris during the remaining construction process. The grout joints should be dampened daily with clear water using a clean sponge or mop during the first 7 days. This procedure facilitates the grout cure and color lock. The paper will allow for two important things: (1) to protect the newly installed tile grout and (2) to allow moisture to escape.

from the grout as it cures further protecting the look and utility of the floor. This is an important step in achieving color consistency. Never use plastic or non-absorbent materials to protect freshly installed tile. These types of non-absorbent products will trap moisture causing the grout to discolor during the curing period. The protective brown paper should remain until construction is complete and the floor is opened for intended (post-construction) use.

Post-Grout Clean-Up:

Grout haze is a film that has been left behind on the surface of the tile as part of the final grouting process. Usually this is buffed off the surface after the grout has achieved its initial 12 to 24 hour cure. The removal of the haze is often difficult when buffing with a clean rag or floor machine. Cementitious grout haze can be successfully removed with "Sulfamic" acid, which is a mild acid that etches and breaks down cement smears. There are several products on the market called grout haze removers, which usually contain Sulfamic acid. Sulfamic acid can also be purchased in powder form and mixed with water to different strengths by qualified professionals. Similarly, 100% Solids Epoxy Grout haze can be removed with an Epoxy Haze Remover. These removers are formulated to safely and quickly remove cured epoxy haze from new tile installations. Their unique formulation will soften most epoxy hazes for easy removal without damaging the grout or tile, usually in one application. Sulfamic acid or grout removers should never be used on Natural Stone products.

Natural Stone - Routine Care

Natural Stone Care & Maintenance

To insure your natural stone products will provide you with a lifetime of aesthetics and utility, a proper maintenance program is crucial. Natural Stone products are porous by nature and require a different maintenance program than traditional ceramic tile.

Natural stone requires a different maintenance routine than traditional, man-made ceramic tile. Many of the cleaners acceptable for use on ceramic tile can stain, damage or dull stone. Dirt and dust will scratch the surface of stone. Therefore, stone floors should be vacuumed or dust mopped frequently to remove abrasive agents from the stone surface. Natural stone should be cleaned with neutral cleaners. Stone cleaners should never contain acid or bleach. Acids, even a light solution of vinegar and water, will etch and eventually damage natural stone.

Stone Cleaners:

Only use cleaners specifically designed for cleaning stone. These cleaners contain no acids and are concentrated neutral pH cleaners that will not affect existing sealers or wax-type coatings. The surface of the stone should be dampened with clear water. This will keep the cleaning solution on the surface so it can be effective. A solution of the cleaner and water mixed to manufacturer instructions should be applied to the stone surface with a sponge or mop. On walls, kitchen counters or vanity tops, a spray bottle can be used to apply the cleaning solution. Allow sitting for manufacturer's specified amount of time (usually 3 to 5 minutes). Agitate with a sponge, synthetic mop, soft bristle brush or through the use of a floor-scrubbing machine. Mop up dirty solution and buff dry.

Once the stone has been cleaned, you can periodically apply a Spray-Buff wax-type floor finish to enhance the beauty and luster of polished stone (including countertops). Apply the finish with a spray applicator and buff immediately with a white nylon pad. Reapply as often as needed, depending on volume of surface traffic and consistency of routine maintenance program. This product is not designed to restore the original shine, but is intended to maintain and protect the original shine. This can be purchased from most Home Centers or through your local Professional Floor Covering Dealer.

Heavy-Duty Stone Cleaning:

When some areas have been neglected, you will need to use a heavy-duty non-hazardous and non-polluting stone cleaner and degreaser to effectively remove dirt, grease, grime, waxes and floor finishes. An optimal heavy-duty cleaner should contain low percentages of volatile organic compounds. These cleaning products are concentrated and designed to deep clean the stone without damaging it. Apply the solution of the cleaner and water mixed to manufacturer instructions to the stone surface with a sponge or mop. Allow sitting for manufacturer-specified amount of time. Agitate with a sponge, synthetic mop, and soft bristle brush or through the use of a floor-scrubbing machine. Mop up dirty solution and buff dry. Be sure to change out the cleaning solution every 100 square feet to avoid reintroducing dirty water during the cleaning process. Rinse thoroughly with clean water when finished. After cleaning you may apply the Spray-Buff wax-type floor finish to enhance the natural shine.

Stain Removal:

Stone poultice will remove stains and grout haze from stone. Poultice is a fine, nonacidic, absorptive clay cleaning powder that removes deep-set oil stains, grease and light cementitious grout haze from polished and unpolished natural stone.

CAUTION: Poultice may dull the shine of the polished stone. If this occurs you will need to use a marble polish to restore the natural shine.

Restoration:

If a marble finish has become dull, scratched or etched, you can restore the natural shine through the use of a marble polish. Some marble polishes are available in kits. The process can be enhanced with the use of floor buffing machines. The process is generally a re-crystallization process to remove fine scratches and restore the original shine and polish to the stone. This is not an application of a topical sealer or wax to cover-up damaged or worn surfaces.

Natural Stone - New Installations

Sealing is strongly recommended for newly installed marble and other natural stone to provide maximum below surface stain protection. Consult your Professional Floor Covering Dealer or Home Center Store to ensure that you select a high quality sealer to protect your natural stone. Immediately after natural stone has been installed and grouted, the new installation should be covered with brown paper to protect it from debris during the remain construction process. The protective brown paper should remain in place until construction is completed and the area is opened to intended (post-construction) use.

Pre-grout Sealing:

A non-sanded grout is strongly recommended for natural stone installations due to the narrow grout joints customarily preferred. This type of grout has very fine particles of cement, polymers and color pigments that can penetrate the microscopic pores of the stone surface where they become trapped and appear as a stain in the stone. Therefore, all travertine, slate, tumbled stone and honed/flamed/unpolished granite should be sealed prior to the grouting process to protect them from staining. The application of a good quality sealer should be used as a grout sealer and applied again as the final sealing process once the installation is finished.

Types of Sealers:

A premium natural look penetrating/impregnating sealer is the normal choice on polished or honed marble, limestone granite, or where the natural color of a stone is desired. A stone enhancer sealer is often used on tumbled, antique stones or on slate where a darker, enriched or highlighted character is desired. When choosing either one of these types

of sealers, make sure the brand you have chosen is formulated to provide maximum stain protection for stone products. Stone products should be tested periodically per manufacturer's instructions to insure that the sealer is working effectively.

Penetrating/impregnating stone sealers is a no-sheen, natural look sealer that can be water-based or solvent-based, good for interior and exterior applications. Most quality sealers of this type are rated to protect the stone a minimum of 10 years.

Stone enhancer sealers are also a no-sheen, penetrating/impregnating sealer that are formulated to darken, enrich and highlight the natural color and beauty of tumbled, antique or slate products. They will rejuvenate and improve the appearance of worn and weathered stone. Always test loose pieces of stone to ensure desired effect with enhancing sealers. However, they will also darken the color of grout joints. They are, generally, suitable for interior and exterior use, and rated to protect the stone a minimum of 3 years.

Finishing:

A stone floor finish should be applied to a polished natural stone floor only. This type of product will help enhance the shin and provide a protective coating for "soft" or polished marbles. Verify the finish is a wax-type finish designed to add luster and enhance the beauty of sealed and polished natural stone only. A topical finish may change the appearance and performance of your stone, so always test a small area first. *Application of topical sealer or wax should never be done as an attempt to add a shine to a bonded, scratched or non-polished stone product. This will only create maintenance and/or slip resistance problem. Consult the manufacturer of any surface-altering products for more detailed information about the impact of its specific product on safety, maintenance or appearance of your stone.*

Saltile Tile - Routine Care

Soft clay tiles are categorized as specialty use products, and as such they are generally not governed by the same requirements as glazed or unglazed ceramic tile. These products will require some type of topical sealer protection. These sealers are designed to provide stain resistance and a durable finish to protect clay tile against wear. Pre-sealing the tile prior to grouting will act as a pre-grout sealer, provided it is applied over a clean tile surface. An additional final coat over the grouted floor will complete the sealing process along with providing the final grout stain protection.

There are two common types of sealers used today for sealing specialty tiles. The first is a water-based blend of acrylic polymers. This product allows for moisture vapor transmission, and it can be reapplied over itself, without stripping or removing the old sealer when the original application has become worn. The second type is a solvent-based sealer. Solvent-based sealers are not as forgiving after they have become worn, they must be stripped and removed prior to reapplication. Both types should be UV stable, which means the ultra violet rays from the sun should not break them down. You should always follow the manufacturer's instructions for use, maintenance and precautions.

The expected wear of the topical sealer will vary depending on the hardness, surface texture, type or area, usage, and type of maintenance products used. However, the average expected use life of the sealer, when properly prepared, is a maximum of 3 years. Harsh cleaning methods, high-alkaline or solvent-based cleaners can significantly lower the expected life of the sealer. Concentrated tile cleaners are recommended for routine cleaning.

Maintenance Cleaning

Highly alkaline, acidic, ammoniated, abrasive cleaners and/or bleach may break down the sealer, adversely affecting repellency and may not be good for the tile or grout. Use neutral cleaners specially formulated for tile and grout that are low VOC, non-hazardous and non-polishing.

For routine cleaning:

We recommend DuPont™ StoneTech® Professional Stone & Tile Cleaner.

1. Mix 2 ounces of Stone & Tile Cleaner concentrate in 1 gallon of warm or hot water. (Note: One gallon of concentrate makes 64 gallons of cleaning solution.)
2. Apply mixed solution with a damp mop, sponge or appropriate professional cleaning equipment.
3. Clean entire area with mop, changing mop water often to ensure that soil is not re-deposited. Wipe or rinse cleaned area.
4. Let area dry completely before using.

You may also use DuPont™ StoneTech® Professional Stone & Tile Cleaner in the ready-to-use spray bottle or wipes.

Re-Sealing and Protecting:

For interior surfaces, resealing should be performed every 3-5 years. For exterior surfaces, resealing should be performed every 1-3 years. Terrazzo surfaces must be sealed to prevent or minimize staining. Leaving terrazzo unsealed may greatly hinder the complete removal of stains in the future. We recommend the use of a heavy-duty sealer that is low in VOC content and does not contain any hazardous materials.

One Quartz Surfaces - Routine Care

- One Quartz Surfaces is virtually maintenance free and can be cleaned with extreme ease.
- Common household spills – such as, tea, coffee, lemon juice, soda, fruit, vegetable juice, olive oil or grease spills – are easily removed and the surface restored to its original appearance.
- Some One Quartz Surface colors and finishes like honed, matt, etc., are more sensitive to grease or finger-prints and may require extra care during routine cleaning.
- Quartz is one of the hardest materials in nature, which is your assurance that your One Quartz Surfaces will not easily scratch or chip. The use of a cutting board is nevertheless recommended.
- To maintain the natural beauty of One Quartz Surfaces, do not place hot skillets or roasting pans directly onto the surface but use a trivet instead.
- For routine cleaning, use a damp cloth or paper towel and, if necessary, a small amount of mild soap. Once clean, rinse and dry surface thoroughly.
- For stubborn or dried spills, use a nonabrasive cleaning pad such as a white 3M Scotch-Brite® scrub pad combined with a small amount of mild soap or specialized stone cleaner.
- One Quartz Surfaces floors in high traffic areas should be cleaned daily with a clean, dry dust mop or soft bristle broom. One Quartz Surfaces floors in low traffic areas can be cleaned less frequently using the same method. Spills should be spot treated with the use of a damp mop or cloth towel and, if necessary, a small amount of mild soap or specialized stone cleaner.

Daltile Care and Maintenance Information

- A floor machine such as a slow speed buffer or walk behind scrubber can be used for larger commercial environments. Be sure to rinse thoroughly to remove any haze residue that may diminish the shine and beauty of the floor.
- For Heavily soiled floors, as with any floor, it makes sense to clean up spills as soon as possible.
- Avoid exposing One Quartz Surfaces to chemicals and solvents, especially paint removers or furniture strippers containing trichlorethane or methylene chloride. Keep nail polish remover, bleach or cleansers that contain bleach, bleaching, permanent markers or inks. While casual exposure to alkaline materials will not damage One Quartz Surfaces, highly alkaline (high-pH) cleansers are not recommended when cleaning One Quartz Surfaces. If any of the substances listed above come into contact with One Quartz Surfaces, rinse the exposed surface immediately and thoroughly with plenty of clean water.
- Do not use strong abrasive and/or alkaline cleaning products. Always follow the manufacturers' dilution instructions and recommendations.

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DEX-O-TEX

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DECOR-FLOR

Congratulations on choosing the finest quality ceramic color quartz epoxy mortar floor covering available. Your new Dex-O-Tex Decor-Flor polymeric flooring system will provide years of trouble free service with a minimum of maintenance. Just follow the recommendations below to maximize the life of your floor covering.

Cleaning

Cleaning your Dex-O-Tex floor is simple. Just wash with a standard industrial strength cleaning solution as recommended by the detergent manufacturer. Use a bristle brush to remove tough stubborn stains or residual compounds. Rinse thoroughly with clean water. To power scrub or steam clean, first mop the surface with the cleaning solution, then steam clean into trenches, drains or similar waste areas. Regular cleaning will prevent build-up of residue, which can make the floor surface slippery when wet.

Maintenance

The Dex-O-Tex Decor-Flor system is a multi-layered system consisting of a bondcoat, color quartz aggregate mortar, grout coat, seal coats and maintenance sealers. The sealer is the only layer, which requires ordinary maintenance and is designed to withstand normal everyday wear and direct exposure to elements. Over a period of time, a new coat of sealer needs to be applied with Dex-O-Tex TM Clearsealer or Dex-O-Tex Chem-Rez Clearsealer. This is required when traffic patterns or dull areas become visible in the flooring. This will be approximately 5 to 7 years in normal traffic areas and every 3 to 5 years in heavy use or high traffic areas such as kitchens, scullerys stairways and access corridors.

This service cycle may be extended by regularly applying Dex-O-Tex Cheminert Clearsealer to the flooring surface. This sealer is a self-sacrificing dressing which will extend the life of your floor covering between maintenance cycles. Available in high gloss or satin finishes, it is applied over the clean dry floor covering using a sponge or mop type applicator. Dex-O-Tex Clearsealer should not be used in areas of concentrated chemical exposure.

If your Dex-O-Tex flooring system becomes delaminated for any reason, call us or the installing contractor immediately. This could indicate a loss of integration in the flooring system, such as moisture vapor transmission, or problems with transitions at adjoining surfaces which needs to be repaired without delay. If this condition goes unattended, it can create numerous related problems.

Common Problems to Avoid

Floor areas subject to scratching by tracking of sand or grit carried from outside areas should be swept frequently.

Seal all punctures or protrusions through the flooring system.

Avoid standing water by properly designing slope before application of the flooring system.

Promptly clean up all spillage of harsh chemicals, acids or caustics.

Avoid rolling loads with steel wheels.



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Introduction:

Azrock Solid Vinyl Tile offers flexible maintenance options:

- Two coats of floor finish must be applied prior to placing the floor into service except when dry buffing on a consistent and regular basis. **NOTE:** In areas with heavy traffic or with consistent chair sliding such as classrooms, an additional coat of floor finish should be applied.
- When utilizing the dry buffing method the buffing frequency must be appropriate for the amount and type of traffic.

The following guidelines are recommended for the proper care and maintenance of the floor.

Post Installation / Initial Cleaning:

Job site conditions usually cause grit and dirt to accumulate. Initial cleaning should not be performed until 72 hours after installation. However the floor should be swept and protected until maintenance begins.

NOTE: When using SpraySmart Adhesive, initial maintenance may be started 24 hours after installation. Caution must be taken not to flood the newly installed floor. The use of an auto scrubber is recommended.

- Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
- Prepare a cleaning solution using one of

the recommended pH neutral cleaners (maintenance product reference chart below). The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. **NOTE:** Heavily soiled floors may require a stripping procedure as the initial cleaning.

- Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
- Let cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT** – do not let the solution dry.
- Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a blue or green pad. Do not use brown or black pads. **NOTE:** A 22 to 28 gauge soft nylon

brush must be used on SR (slip resistant) tiles.

- Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
- Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
- Allow the flooring to dry completely.
- If not utilizing the dry buffing procedure apply two coats of a recommended floor finish according to label instructions. **NOTE:** In areas with heavy traffic or with consistent chair sliding such as classrooms, an additional coat of floor finish should be applied.
- Allow the floor finish to dry completely between coats.

Preventive Care:

- An effective barrier matting system should be installed at all entrances to reduce cleaning costs and extend the life of the floor.

- Protect the flooring from damage by using good quality protective feet and casters for chairs, tables, and other furniture. Use

products designed for resilient floors. Caster or wheel damage can be avoided with the use of chair pads.

Routine / Daily Cleaning:

It is very important to clean flooring at a frequency consistent with the amount and type of traffic. Daily cleaning is recommended.

- Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.

- Prepare a cleaning solution using a recommended pH neutral cleaner. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions.
- Damp mop the cleaning solution onto the floor.

- Allow the flooring to dry completely.
- Remove minor stains and scuffs in conjunction with the damp mopping. Use a white, blue or green pad if required.

Periodic / Deep Cleaning:

When routine / daily cleaning no longer provides adequate results, a more aggressive deep cleaning is required to thoroughly clean the floor.

- Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
- Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners (maintenance product reference chart below). The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. **NOTE:** Heavily soiled floors may require a stripping procedure as the initial cleaning.

- Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
- Let cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT** – do not let the solution dry.
- Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a blue or green pad. Do not use brown or black pads. **NOTE:** A 22 to 28 gauge soft nylon brush must be used on SR (slip resistant) tiles.

- Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
- Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
- Allow the flooring to dry completely.
- If not utilizing the dry buffing procedure apply two coats of a recommended floor finish according to label instructions. **NOTE:** In areas with heavy traffic or with consistent chair sliding such as classrooms, an additional coat of floor finish should be applied.
- Allow the floor finish to dry completely between coats.

Dry Buffing:

- Thoroughly clean the floor as outlined in the Periodic / Deep Cleaning section above.

- Buff the floor using a single disc, high speed, rotary machine (1000 - 1500 RPM) equipped with a white, tan or red pad.

- Frequency of buffing will be determined by the amount and type of traffic.

Floor Finish Procedures:

Application of floor finish

Do not use sealers prior to the application of floor finish.

1. Select a recommended floor finish from the maintenance product reference chart.
 2. Clean the floor performing a Deep Cleaning as outlined above. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
 3. Apply the floor finish to the floor according to the label instructions.
 4. Apply two coats of a recommended floor finish according to label instructions.
- NOTE:** In areas with heavy traffic or with consistent chair sliding such as classrooms,

an additional coat of floor finish should be applied.

5. The floor finish must dry completely between coats.
6. Restrict all traffic until the floor finish has dried completely.

Floor Finish Restorative Procedures:

Spray Buffing (optional)

1. Floor must be clean prior to buffing.
2. Apply the spray buffing solution to workable areas with a spray bottle.
3. Buff the floor using a single disc, slow speed, rotary machine (175 - 350 RPM)

equipped with a white, tan or red buffing pad.

4. Continue procedure until desired level of gloss has been achieved.

Burnishing (optional)

1. Floor must be clean prior to buffing.
 2. Burnish the floor using a single disc, high speed, rotary machine (1500 - 2000 RPM) equipped with a high speed burnishing pad.
 3. Continue procedure until desired level of gloss has been achieved.
- NOTE:** To avoid damage care must be taken when burnishing.

Removal of Floor Finish

When the floors gloss level appears worn or uneven due to traffic the floor finish can be removed and reapplied to restore the floors appearance.

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a stripping solution using a recommended stripper. Follow the

manufacture's label instructions.

3. Apply the stripping solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
4. Let the stripping solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT - Do not let the solution dry.**
5. Scrub the floor using a single-disc rotary machine (175-350 RPM) equipped with a

blue or green pad. Do not use brown or black pads.

6. Remove the stripping solution with a wet vacuum or a mop.
7. Thoroughly rinse the floor and allow it to dry completely.
8. Repeat the stripping process if necessary.
9. Apply the new floor finish.

Maintenance of Corlink Grande SR and Milano SR (slip resistant tile):

- Use a 22 to 26 gauge soft nylon brush for cleaning and stripping. Do not use pads.

- Apply up to three thin coats of floor finish.

- Do not buff or use flat nylon pads for maintenance of Textured SR Tile.

Maintenance Product Reference Chart

NOTE: Always follow the manufacturer's label instructions for proper mixing ratios and use.

	Initial Cleaning / Deep Cleaning	Daily Maintenance	Periodic Maintenance	Finish	Stripper
Buckeye www.buckeyeinternational.com 1-800-321-2583	Straight Up	Crossroads	Crossroads	LiquiMax	Juggernaut
				Lucent	
Diversey www.diversey.com 1-800-558-2332	Profil	Profil	Profil	Signature	Bravo
	GP Forward	GP Forward	GP Forward	Complete	
	Prominence	Prominence	Prominence	Aquaria	
Certified Green Products		Stride	Stride		Freedom SC
Hillyard www.hillyard.com 1-800-365-1555	Super Shine All	Renovator	Renovator	Super Hi-Brite	Arsenal
				One Plus	
Spartan Chemical www.spartanchemical.com 1-800-537-8990	Tribase	Tribase	Tribase	White Sun	Step Down
		Damp Mop	Damp Mop	The Fixx	Endura Strip
Certified Green Products	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner	Green Solutions Floor Seal & Finish	Green Solutions Floor Finish Remover
XL North www.xlnorth.com 1-888-530-2259	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL 25	XL FS
				XL 18	
				XL UF	
				XL Matte	



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Granite™, Granite SR™, Solids and Feature
Strips™, Thru-Quartz™, VCT**

Introduction:

A factory finish is applied to Azrock Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT) at the time of manufacture to help protect the surface of tile

during the packing, shipping, and the installation process. This temporary finish is not meant to be a wear surface. Additional coats of

floor finish must be applied after installation. The following guidelines are recommended for the proper care and maintenance of the floor.

Post Installation / Initial Cleaning:

Job site conditions usually cause grit and dirt to accumulate. Initial cleaning should not be performed until 72 hours after installation. However the floor should be swept and protected until maintenance begins.

NOTE: When using SpraySmart Adhesive, initial maintenance may be started 24 hours after installation. Caution must be taken not to flood the newly installed floor. The use of an auto scrubber is recommended.

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.

2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners (maintenance product reference chart below). The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. **NOTE: Heavily soiled floors may require a stripping procedure as the initial cleaning.**

3. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
4. Let cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT – do not let the solution dry.**
5. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a blue or green pad. **Do not use brown or**

black pads.

NOTE: A 22 to 28 gauge soft nylon brush must be used on SR (slip resistant) tiles.

6. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
7. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
8. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
9. Apply three to five coats of a recommended floor finish according to label instructions.
10. Allow the floor finish to dry completely between coats.

Preventive Care:

1. An effective barrier matting system should be installed at all entrances to reduce cleaning costs and extend the life of the floor.

2. Protect the flooring from damage by using good quality protective feet and casters for chairs, tables, and other furniture. Use

products designed for resilient floors. Caster or wheel damage can be avoided with the use of chair pads.

Routine / Daily Cleaning:

It is very important to clean flooring at a frequency consistent with the amount and type of traffic. Daily cleaning is recommended.

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.

2. Prepare a cleaning solution using a recommended pH neutral cleaner. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions.
3. Damp mop the cleaning solution onto the floor.

4. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
5. Remove minor stains and scuffs in conjunction with the damp mopping. Use a white, blue or green pad if required.

Periodic / Deep Cleaning:

When routine / daily cleaning no longer provides adequate results, a more aggressive deep cleaning is required to thoroughly clean the floor.

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners (maintenance product reference chart below). The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. **NOTE: Heavily soiled floors may require a stripping**

3. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
4. Let cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT – do not let the solution dry.**

5. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a blue or green pad. **Do not use brown or black pads.**
NOTE: A 22 to 28 gauge soft nylon

brush must be used on SR (slip resistant) tiles.

6. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
7. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
8. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
9. Apply three to five coats of a recommended floor finish according to label instructions.
10. Allow the floor finish to dry completely between coats.

Floor Finish Procedures:

Application of floor finish

1. Select a recommended floor finish from the maintenance product reference chart.
2. Clean the floor performing a Deep Cleaning as outlined above. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
3. Apply the floor finish to the floor according to the label instructions.
4. Apply three to five coats of finish.
5. The floor finish must dry completely between coats.

6. Restrict all traffic until the floor finish has dried completely.

Floor Finish Restorative Procedures:

Spray Buffing (optional)

1. Floor must be clean prior to buffing.
2. Apply the spray buffing solution to workable areas with a spray bottle.
3. Buff the floor using a single disc, slow speed, rotary machine (175 - 350 RPM) equipped with a white, tan or red buffing pad.
4. Continue procedure until desired level of

gloss has been achieved.

Burnishing (optional)

1. Floor must be clean prior to buffing.
 2. Burnish the floor using a single disc, high speed, rotary machine (1500 - 2000 RPM) equipped with a high speed burnishing pad.
 3. Continue procedure until desired level of gloss has been achieved.
- NOTE: To avoid damage care must be taken when burnishing.**

Removal of Floor Finish:

When the floors gloss level appears worn or uneven due to traffic the floor finish can be removed and reapplied to restore the floors appearance.

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
2. Prepare a stripping solution using a recommended stripper. Follow the

- manufacture's label instructions.
3. Apply the stripping solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
 4. Let the stripping solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes. **IMPORTANT – Do not let the solution dry.**
 5. Scrub the floor using a single-disc rotary machine (175-350 RPM) equipped with a

- blue or green pad. **Do not use brown or black pads.**
6. Remove the stripping solution with a wet vacuum or a mop.
 7. Thoroughly rinse the floor and allow it to dry completely.
 8. Repeat the stripping process if necessary.
 9. Apply the new floor finish.

Maintenance of Granite SR (slip resistant tile):

- Use a 22 to 28 gauge soft nylon brush for cleaning and stripping. Do not use pads.
- Apply up to three thin coats of floor finish.
- Do not buff or use flat nylon pads for maintenance of Textured SR Tile.

Maintenance Product Reference Chart

NOTE: Always follow the manufacturer's label instructions for proper mixing ratios and use.

	Initial Cleaning / Deep Cleaning	Daily Maintenance	Periodic Maintenance	Finish	Stripper
Buckeye www.buckeyeinternational.com 1-800-321-2583	Straight Up	Crossroads	Crossroads	LiquiMax Lucent	Juggernaut
Diversey www.diversey.com 1-800-558-2332 Certified Green Products	Profi	Profi	Profi	Signature	Bravo
	GP Forward	GP Forward	GP Forward	Complete	
	Prominence	Prominence	Prominence	Aquaria	
Hillyard www.hillyard.com 1-800-365-1555	Super Shine All	Renovator	Renovator	Super Hi-Brite	Arsenal
				One Plus	
Spartan Chemical www.spartanchemical.com 1-800-537-8990	Tribase	Tribase	Tribase	White Sun	Step Down
		Damp Mop	Damp Mop	The Fixx	Endura Strip
Certified Green Products	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner	Green Solutions Floor Seal & Finish	Green Solutions Floor Finish Remover
XL North www.xlnorth.com 1-888-530-2259	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL 25	XL FS
				XL 18	
				XL UF	
				XL Matte	

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