# MILLIKEN LVT INITIAL POST INSTALLATION MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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It is recommended to install floor coverings after all other finishing operations have been completed. However, if there will be construction traffic on the newly installed floor wait 24 hours and then cover the floor with construction Kraft paper and protective boards if necessary.

#### **ADHESIVE CURING TIME**

It is important to allow the adhesive to set before the floor is exposed to foot traffic, point loads or maintenance procedures. Failure to do so can lead to shifting tiles, adhesive oozing or permanent indentations.

- Do not allow foot traffic on the newly installed floor for 12 to 24 hours.
- Do not allow rolling traffic furniture or fixtures on the floor for 24-48 hours.
- Do not use excessive amounts of water, cleaners, strippers or finishes on Milliken Luxury Vinyl Tile as this can lead to adhesive failures in direct-glue applications.

### **CLEANING ADHESIVE RESIDUE**

- Remove any adhesive from the surface of the product while wet using a clean white towel moistened with water.
- Dried adhesive can be removed using a clean white cloth moistened with water or denatured alcohol.
- Do not pour water or denatured alcohol directly on the floor.

#### INITIAL MAINTENANCE AFTER INSTALLATION

Wait 5 days after installation is completed and thoroughly clean the floor using a neutral pH cleaner. If necessary, use a low speed (175 RPM) scrubbing machine red or light green pads. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry. Be careful not to over wet the floor when rinsing, excess water can migrate between flooring seams and contribute to adhesive failure. *Never use cleaners with pH higher than 11.* Always use maintenance products that are designed to be used on Luxury Vinyl Tile with urethane finish.

Neutral PH Cleaner: APC by XL North or Stride by Diversey

Auto Scrubber Machine: Rotary with 175 rpm Maximum

## **USE OF ROTARY FLOORING MACHINES:**

- If using a scrubbing machine, use only a slow speed (175 RPM) machine.
- Do not dry buff vinyl floors without the use of a suitable finish coat.
- LVT should NEVER be burnished. If a gloss finish is desired, use an appropriate commercial grade finish.
- Do not use dark green, black or brown scrubbing pads. Only use white, light green or red colored 3M™ pads on Milliken Luxury Vinyl Tile.

## **ROTARY PADS - FOR USE AT LOW 175 RMP SPEED**



3M<sup>™</sup> White Super Polish Pad 4100 Ideal for removing soil and scuff marks with minimal dulling.



3M<sup>™</sup> TopLine Autoscrubber Pad 5000 Scrubs and cleans. Open construction resists clogging, Ideal for autoscrubbers.



3M<sup>™</sup> Red Buffer Pad 5100 Designed for everyday cleaning and light scrubbing to remove light soil, scuff marks and black heel marks.

## **PREVENTATIVE STEPS**

Use quality walk off systems at all entry areas to keep dirt, sand and water off the floor. Clean the walk off system on a regular basis. If mats are placed directly on top of the Milliken Luxury Vinyl Tile, be sure the mats have a non-staining back. *Note: certain rubber backed mats can stain LVT. Milliken mats are constructed to effectively remove dirt and soil and are compatible with Milliken LVT.* 

Furniture shall have protective glides of at least 1" in diameter to minimize the chance of indentations or scratching to the surface of the floor. Do not use narrow chair glides. Felt pads are also excellent protection for the floor for furniture that will be frequently moved directly across the floor. Periodically clean caster wheels and check for wheels that may be broken or no longer rotating.

Do not move heavy furniture, appliances or fixtures directly across the floor. Use protective boards or appropriate furniture movers designed for use over hard surface flooring.

Protect the floor from direct sunlight by using appropriate window coverings.

Inspect chair and table leg glides for burs. Replace damaged wheels and chair / table leg glides immediately.

Avoid use of metal or razor scrapers to remove dirt, residues or other marks from flooring. This will damage the protective wear layer of the vinyl flooring.