

General care and maintenance

Preventive measures

Prevention is better than cure. Prevent usage scratches in the top layer of Solcora flooring caused by sliding furniture lacking protective furniture gliders. Protective caps such as "Scratch No More" prevent abrasive materials such as road dirt or sand scratching your flooring. Install the right entrance mat with a backing that is resistant to softening agents. This will provide protection against road dirt and moisture that will unnecessarily damage or soil the floor. This in turn will mean that you do not have to clean the Solcora floor as often and its lifetime will be extended.

Prevention of discolouration

All flooring discolours following exposure to sunlight, whether it is made from wood, PVC or carpet. This is caused by the ultraviolet rays in the sunlight. To prevent discolouration of your floor, it is important to use effective blinds.

Avoid contact with rubber

Contact between rubber and vinyl must be avoided as much as possible. Long-lasting contact between vinyl and rubber may cause lasting, dark-brown discolouration (examples might include a rubber ring underneath a rubbish bin, rubber protective mats, place mats, etc.) Rubber caps under furniture can cause streaks due to friction. We therefore advise you to check all your furniture and utensils for rubber caps and fit the, with protection (see www.scratchnomore.com).

Points to be aware of

- Use protective mats with a backing that is resistant to softening agents at all entrances and exits.
- Avoid contact between vinyl and rubber (unless the vinyl is protected with PU Anticolor coating).
- Do not slide any heavy objects over the floor and always fit furniture on gliders with the appropriate protection.
- Replace any castors underneath office chairs with soft casters that are suitable for smooth vinyl flooring.
- Remove spilt liquids as quickly as possible:
- Do not use any vinegar, polishing agents, wax, oil-based soap, abrasives or caustic detergents or solvents.
- Prevent lasting exposure to direct and intense sunlight
- Do not use any steam cleaners on Solcora flooring.

Maintenance

Solcora does not require maintenance in the same way as parquet or linoleum. The standard PU protective layer applied in production will protect your floor against the ingress of dirt and moisture and will protect the decor against normal use.

Cleaning and maintenance advice

The Solcora vinyl strips and tiles are extremely wear-resistant thanks to the advanced production process and can be cleaned easily thanks to the exclusive use of high-quality materials. However, no floor is ever free from scratches or maintenance-free, including Solcora. To make sure that you continue to get maximum benefit from your floor, we advise you to follow the maintenance advice given below.

Cleaning and maintenance

Daily routine each week

Solcora flooring is easy to clean.

- Remove loose dirt by sweeping, dust-mopping or vacuuming.
- Remove stains with a damp cloth, mop or flat mop.
- Leave the floor as dry as possible. Never use more than the prescribed quantity of detergent.
- Leave the detergent solution to take effect on stubborn, dried-on dirt for 5 minutes and then remove with a cloth or flat mop.

Periodically once a year

If the Solcora flooring does not appear completely clean after daily cleaning, you can carry out a periodic clean. Use more water for this, and an appropriate neutral floor cleaner (Dr. Schutz products recommended) to loosen and pick up the dirt. This can be done manually with a scrubber, a broom or brush with a medium hardness, or with a machine brush.

Do not use any general cleaners, household soap or aggressive media such as chlorine or anti-limescale agents to clean the flooring.

Project-based cleaning

Whenever necessary, you can give the Solcora flooring a deep clean. This can be done with a soft or hard brush, a buffer and a white 3M pad or a cleaning machine using a white 3M pad. Use an appropriate neutral detergent that does not leave any residue, such as Dr. Schutz PU cleaner or similar. Do not use any soap suds, general cleaner, laminate cleaner, Green Soap, chlorine, WC cleaner or other alkaline or chemical products. Ask your Solcora flooring supplier, professional cleaning service or Dr.Schutz for comprehensive advice.

NOTE

A large quantity of diluted dirt and detergent will be left on floors that remain wet long after they have been cleaned. The floor seems as if it gets dirty again very quickly because the previous dirt was not properly removed.

- A floor can be slippery when wet.
- Do not place any carpets or other impervious materials on the wet flooring. These can cause discolouration or condensation in the top layer.

Preventive protection

Although Solcora flooring is fitted with PU protection in production, it is possible that as a preventive measure you might want to protect your floor with an extra layer of hard protective PU or apply a PU Anticolor coating. We advise this in every case for applications such as industrial rooms, laboratories, showrooms for rubber tyred vehicles (cars, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, etc.), also hairdressing salons and all other applications where chemical spillage can discolour the top layer.

Manufacture or extra protection

If you want to apply an extra protective layer as a preventive measure (to help your floor last longer), we advise that you use products from Dr. Schutz. For more information about these maintenance products, please contact Dr. Schutz.

If in any doubt, always contact your Solcora flooring supplier or Dr. Schutz for full advice.

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