

Heterogeneous Sheet

COMMISSION PLUS

COMMISSION Plus is designed to be maintained by traditional residential and light-commercial resilient flooring maintenance options. The residential and commercial maintenance procedures are listed below. Select the maintenance procedure for your installation only after careful consideration as to its residential or light commercial end-use application. Following are some examples of end-use applications and their recommended maintenance procedures.

Market

Military Housing & Assisted Living
Hospitality
Light Commercial

Application

Kitchens
Bathrooms
Residence Rooms
Activity Rooms
Group Dining Areas
Corridors
Guest Rooms
Guest Bathrooms
Dr./Dentist Office
Beauty Salon/ Barber Shop
Daycare Areas

RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Take a few moments to review some very important information that will help assure a longer, more attractive life for your floor.

DO

- Wipe up spills as soon as possible. Remove dried spills with Armstrong New Beginning Resilient Deep Cleaning Floor Stripper on a clean white cloth.
- Wash your floor occasionally with Armstrong Once 'n Done Resilient & Ceramic Floor Cleaner or an equivalent no-rinse floor cleaner.
- Use Armstrong New Beginning Resilient Deep Cleaning Floor Stripper for heavy-duty cleaning.
- Use Armstrong Shinekeeper Resilient Floor Finish to return your floor's original shine if it begins to dull over time.

DON'T

- Use detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” products—they may leave a dull film on your floor.
- Use paste wax or solvent-based polishes.
- Use a beater bar when vacuuming because it can visibly damage the floor surface.
- Use highly abrasive scrubbing tools.

PROACTIVE PROTECTION FOR YOUR FLOOR

- When moving appliances or heavy furniture, lay a plywood panel on your floor and “walk” the item across it. This protects your floor from scuffing and tears.
- Use floor protectors, such as Armstrong Floor Protectors, on furniture to reduce indentation. As a general rule of thumb, the heavier the item, the wider the floor protector needed.
- Be careful with rolling casters. They can damage the floor. Therefore, we do not recommend them. If you choose to use them, the double wheel types are the best option.
- Place a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt brought into your home. We do not recommend the use of rubber- or latex-backed mats because the chemical (antioxidant) used to keep the backing from becoming brittle can permanently stain your floor. We suggest a nonstaining vinyl-backed mat or a woven rug that is colorfast. Most of these products are identified “colorfast” by the manufacturer. All Armstrong floor care products have been specifically developed to care for Armstrong floors. You may purchase Armstrong floor care products at your local flooring retailer.

A. Initial Maintenance

1. For 8 hours after seam application, protect the sealed seams on your flooring. This will ensure the proper seam bond. If your seams are disturbed before they’re dry, permanent damage may result.
2. Sweep or vacuum thoroughly to remove all loose dust and dirt.
3. Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean white cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carefully following warnings on container.
4. Damp mop with a properly diluted detergent solution such as Armstrong Once ‘n Done Resilient & Ceramic Floor Cleaner.
5. **NOTE: Do not wash, scrub or strip the floor for at least four days after installation.** This prevents excess moisture from interfering with the adhesive bond and/or seam treatments.

B. Continuing Regular Maintenance

1. Sweep or vacuum frequently to remove loose dirt. When vacuuming, use a non-powered wand attachment to avoid damaging the floor’s surface.
2. Wash the floor regularly with properly diluted Armstrong Once ‘n Done Resilient & Ceramic Floor Cleaner.
3. Use Armstrong New Beginning Resilient Deep Cleaning Floor Stripper for ground-in dirt.
4. Use Armstrong Shinekeeper Resilient Floor Finish to restore a like-new appearance if the floor is dulled from soap-based detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” products.

LIGHT COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

A. Initial Maintenance

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum thoroughly to remove all loose dust and dirt.
2. Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean white cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carefully following warnings on the container.

3. If necessary, the floor may be damp mopped with a very dilute neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner, carefully scrubbing black marks and excessive soil.

NOTE: Do not wet wash, machine scrub, or strip the floor for at least four days after installation. This is to prevent excess moisture from interfering with the adhesive bond and/or seam treatments.

NOTE: Do not use brown or black pads, or equivalent brushes on any Armstrong resilient floors. Their use could result in permanent damage to the floor.

4. If choosing to maintain the floor with polish, apply two coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer beneath the polish should be considered in areas of high traffic, high soil load and areas where staining potential is high.

NOTE: It is important to protect the floor during the installation and construction phase. If other on-site work is continuing, consider using a protective covering such as plain, undyed kraft paper to guard against damage to the new floor. When moving heavy fixtures or appliances over the flooring on casters or dollies, the flooring should be protected with 1/4" or thicker plywood, hardboard or other underlayment panels.

Preparation for Light Commercial Traffic

1. Scrub the floor with a properly neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner using an automatic or single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a non-abrasive scrub brush. Floor machine pads are unable to reach into the textured surface to remove dirt particles and residue. **Never use highly abrasive brushes or pads. Permanent abrasive damage can result.**
2. Remove dirty cleaning solution with a wet vacuum or mop.
3. Thoroughly rinse with clean water and allow to dry.
4. If choosing to maintain the floor with polish, apply two additional coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. If the floor was stripped, apply 4-5 coats of polish.

B. Maintenance Options

Having completed Steps 1–3 above under Preparation for Commercial Traffic, choose a maintenance option(s), based on your evaluation of the factors listed under “How to Determine Your Maintenance Program” (See page 310) and proceed as directed below. These products may be maintained by either of the following Options:

Polish Option

Apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer such as Armstrong S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer beneath the polish should be considered in areas of high traffic, high soil load and areas where staining potential is high. Follow manufacturer’s recommended drying time between applications. Do not allow traffic on the floor for the length of time specified by the polish manufacturer.

Spray Buff Option

Spray buff using a rotary machine (175 to 600 rpm) equipped with a white buffing pad and the appropriate spray-buff solution.

NOTE: Do not dry buff or burnish the unpolished surface of COMMISSION Plus. Floors which are to be dry buffed or high-speed burnished should have a sufficient base of polish (5 to 7 coats). Floors must also be clean and dry before burnishing. Any residual soil on the floor before burnishing will be ground into the finish resulting in discoloration.

C. Daily/Regular Maintenance

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum daily to remove dirt, grit and soil that can damage the floor and become ground into the surface. Use walk-off mats that are as wide as the doorway and long enough to trap dirt and moisture before traffic reaches the resilient floor. Remember to clean walk-off mats regularly.
2. Spills should be cleaned up immediately.
3. Damp mopping of the floor should be performed on a regular or daily basis depending upon traffic and soil levels in the building. Use a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.

D. Periodic Maintenance

1. When needed, scrub the floor with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner using an automatic or single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a non-abrasive scrub brush. The appropriate floor maintenance pad (3M red or equal for light scrub or 3M blue or equal for deep scrub) can also be used, but may be unable to reach into some heavily textured surfaces to remove dirt particles and residue.
2. After scrubbing, the floor may be buffed with the appropriate speed machine and appropriate pad or brush and spray-buff solution. If using the **Polish Option** additional floor polish may be applied at this time.

E. Restorative Maintenance—Stripping

NOTE: Stripping is the process of removing existing layers of sealer and finish and should only be performed when routine daily/periodic procedures are no longer effective. Stripping is used primarily with the Polish Option of maintenance. When using the Spray-buffing Option stripping may be necessary with the long-term build-up of spray-buff solution (polish). The use of high-quality maintenance products such as Armstrong commercial floor care products and adherence to a well-planned maintenance program will greatly reduce the need for stripping.

1. Scrub the floor with a properly diluted stripping solution such as Armstrong S-490 Commercial Floor Stripper using a single-disc floor machine (300 rpm or less) equipped with a scrubbing brush.
2. Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum or mop.
3. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water and allow it to dry completely.
4. Based on the selected maintenance option, apply floor polish or spray-buff as appropriate and described above under Maintenance Options.