



CONSUMER CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Caring for Your Floor

Immediately After Installation

- Keep traffic to a minimum during the first 24 hours to allow the adhesive to harden. Then open to light foot traffic only for the next 24 hours. Resume normal traffic after 48 hours.
- Protect and do not disturb the sealed seams on your resilient sheet flooring for at least 16 hours after seam sealer application to ensure a proper seam bond.
- Furniture should not be placed on the floor for 24 hours so the adhesive (and grout, if applicable), have adequate time to dry.
- Always move heavy furniture and appliances with care to avoid gouging or tearing the floor. First, lay strips of plywood or hardboard panels on the floor. Then roll, "walk" or slide these items on the strips. Do not push or pull appliances and heavy furniture without taking these precautions.
- Wash your floor using Congoleum Bright 'N Easy No-Rinse Cleaner or other suitable floor cleaner 48 hours after installation.

Caution: Resilient flooring, like other types of smooth floors, can become slippery when wet. Allow time for the floor to dry after washing. Immediately wipe up wet areas from spills or wet feet. Place mats at outside entrances to prevent water, snow or ice from being tracked onto your floor. Improper polishes or finishes can cause the floor to become slippery.

- Immediately after the installation of Endurance SmartLink:
 - Keep the room temperature between 65°F and 85°F for at least 48 hours after installation. Maintain the room temperature between 55°F and 85°F thereafter.
 - Do not wash or scrub Endurance SmartLink flooring for at least 5 days after installation. This allows the adhesive bond to develop by preventing moisture and cleaning agents from interfering with the bonding process. Spot cleaning is acceptable, but do not apply excess moisture or cleaning solution.

Preventative Care

- Make sure furniture legs have large surface, nonstaining floor protectors. Replace small, narrow metal or dome-shaped glides with smooth, flat glides, that are flat on the floor. Glides should be equipped with self-adhesive felt pads to avoid scratching the surface of the floor. The pads should be checked periodically for grit and wear and replaced when necessary.
- Heavy furniture or appliances should be equipped with flat, nonstaining composition furniture casters or cups of appropriate size - available square from 1 1/2" to 2 5/8" and round from 1 3/8" to 1 5/8".
- Moveable appliances and furniture should be equipped with easily swiveling casters. They should be at least 2" in diameter with nonstaining hard rubber treads with a minimum 3/4" flat surface width. Do not use ball-shaped casters.
- Place mats at outside entrances to prevent dirt, grit and soil from being tracked onto your floor. Use 100% latex-backed mats (labeled nonstaining), because some rubber-backed mats or carpets may permanently discolor your floor.

- To help prevent staining from asphalt tracking, we recommend the use of a latex-based driveway sealer.
- Draw drapes and blinds during peak periods of strong sunlight. Flooring, like other home furnishing products, may discolor or fade when over-exposed to the sun.
- Heat-producing appliances such as a refrigerator or range, or hot air registers emitting a direct flow of heat in excess of 120° F, even intermittently, can scorch, burn, discolor or fade your floor. Cigarettes, matches and other very hot objects can also damage your floor.
- Avoid wearing stiletto or spiked heels on your floor. These types of heels can indent or damage many types of floors.
- **DO NOT USE STEAM CLEANERS** on Congoleum Floors, they can permanently damage the floor.

Regular Care (all products)

- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove dirt and grit that can abrade, dull or scratch your floor. Do not use a vacuum with a beater brush, because it may damage the floor's surface.
- Wipe up spills promptly with a damp cloth or mop.
- For a more thorough cleaning, wash your floor with Congoleum Bright 'N Easy No-Rinse Cleaner or other suitable, non-detergent based resilient floor cleaner.
 - **Caution:** Avoid one-step "mop and polish" products, dishwashing liquids and oil-based cleaners. These may leave a residue which can attract dirt and dull your floor's finish. Avoid cleaners that contain abrasives or solvents which may permanently damage your floor.
- Remove excess water after washing the floor.
- A copolymer or acrylic grout sealer compatible with acrylic grouts may be used on DuraCeramic Grout. Do not use a penetrating silicone sealer on the grout.
- The gloss level may change over time depending on the amount of traffic, care, and maintenance the floor receives. To restore the appearance, first use Congoleum Bright 'N Easy Polish Remover to remove any ground-in dirt and excess polish buildup. Rinse thoroughly. Then apply Congoleum Bright 'N Easy Floor Polish (03002) to obtain a high-gloss finish or Congoleum Bright 'N Easy Satin-Gloss Floor Polish (03007) to obtain a satin-gloss or natural-gloss finish. Do not apply polish to Ultima®, DuraCeramic® Origins, DuraCeramic Dimensions®, AirStep Vibe®, AirStep Advantage®, AirStep Evolution®, AirStep Plus®, ArmorCore UR or ArmorCore Pro UR.

Care for ZōN, Alternatives, Choices and CX Series

These products **require** a polish to seal and protect the color and design. A minimum of two coats of polish for residential use and three to five coats for commercial use is required. There are special care and maintenance procedures for ZōN. Please refer to the Congoleum website at www.congoleum.com for specific maintenance information for ZōN.

Initial Residential Maintenance

After the floor has been installed and the adhesive has dried (48 hours), initial maintenance **MUST BE** performed on your Alternatives, Choices or CX Series floor. If these instructions are not followed, permanent staining may occur.

- Sweep or vacuum the floor to remove loose dirt.
- If needed, after installation use lighter fluid applied with a clean cloth to remove scuff marks and adhesive residue. Keep traffic off treated area for 30 minutes.

Caution: Lighter fluid is a flammable solvent. Carefully read and follow cautionary information on label.

- Wash the floor with Congoleum Bright 'N Easy No-Rinse Cleaner or other suitable resilient floor cleaner. Be sure it is thoroughly dry before applying polish.
- Apply a minimum of two coats of Congoleum Bright 'N Easy Floor Polish to seal and protect the floor.

Regular Maintenance

- Follow the general maintenance tips.
- Apply additional coats of polish as needed.

Periodic Maintenance

- Periodically, it will be necessary to remove polish buildup. Use Congoleum Bright 'N Easy Polish Remover, following label instructions. Rinse well and allow to dry before re-applying polish.
- Each time the polish is stripped, apply a minimum of two coats of Congoleum Bright 'N Easy Floor Polish to reseal and protect the floor.

How to Treat Stains, Spills and Scuffs

Follow the remedies in order. Unless instructed otherwise, use a clean, white cloth or towel with the recommended liquids. Always rinse the affected area with clean water after treatment.

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