

ZōN™

WIDE WIDTH SOLID VINYL FLOORING

COMMERCIAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATIONS

ZōN is a solid vinyl commercial sheet flooring product with raised design elements. This uniquely textured surface must be maintained using floor polish to protect against soil retention and stain from various reagents. The maintenance specifications below provide an easy and economical system for preparing and maintaining the floor.

SAFETY INFORMATION

CAUTION: Wet floors are slippery. Water, other liquids and foreign matter on the surface of the floor can cause it to be slippery and should be removed immediately. Improper waxes and finishes can also cause slipperiness. Whenever washing, waxing or stripping floors, traffic should be excluded from the area due to the possibility of slipping and signage to warn against a slip hazard should be prominently placed. The use of walk-off mats at entrances will reduce tracked-in water.

WARNING: An electric shock hazard exists when performing maintenance with a floor machine. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter for any electrical connection in a wet environment.

NEW FLOORS-IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION

- Allow adhesive to dry a minimum of 4 days before performing initial maintenance, wetting or washing the new floor.
- It is very important to protect the floor against ground in dirt and debris on installations where initial maintenance can not be performed prior to exposure to traffic or in active construction sites. Use plain, un-dyed Kraft paper to cover the floor until the initial maintenance is performed.
- Use a clean cloth dampened with mineral spirits to remove adhesive smears or scuffs on the surface. Caution: Mineral spirits and other solvents are flammable. Carefully read and follow cautionary information on label.

INITIAL MAINTENANCE

ZōN must be thoroughly scrubbed with a floor machine, scrubbing brush and liquid stripping solution to properly prepare the floor for the initial polish application.

- Sweep or dry mop the floor to remove loose dirt and grit. Do not use sweeping compounds or oil treated mops.
- Scrub the floor with a 170 rpm floor machine equipped with a natural fiber, medium, grade scrubbing brush and a liquid stripping solution like Congoleum 5003C Bright 'N Easy Commercial Polish Remover, following label instructions for dilution. Apply a liberal amount of solution with a mop and allow it to sit on the floor for a few minutes before scrubbing. Do not allow the solution to dry on the floor, re-wet if necessary. Do not use no-scrub or no rinse stripping solutions.
- While scrubbing move the floor machine back and forth in one direction and then back and forth in a perpendicular direction to get into the crevices.
- Use a wet/dry vacuum to remove the residual stripping solution before it dries.
- Rinse the floor thoroughly with a clean mop, changing water frequently. Allow to dry.
- Apply 3 to 5 coats of high quality acrylic floor polish like Congoleum 5002C Bright 'N Easy Commercial Polish following label instructions. Allow the polish to dry between coats.

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REGULAR MAINTENANCE

- Sweep or dry mop the floor daily to remove loose dirt and grit. Do not use sweeping compounds or oil treated mops.
- Damp-mop the floor as needed with a dilute solution of neutral cleaner like Congoleum 5001C Commercial Bright 'N Easy No-Rinse Cleaner. To remove heavy soil use a slow speed floor machine up to 300 rpm, equipped with a soft, natural fiber scrubbing brush and a concentrated neutral cleaning solution. Rinse the floor after scrubbing and allow it to dry.
- Periodically it may be necessary to apply additional coats of polish. Clean the floor thoroughly and allow it to dry. Apply two additional coats of polish for best results.

- After a significant polish base has been applied (5 to 6 coats) the floor can be spray buffed to maintain the appearance of the polish. Use a floor machine up to 300 rpm equipped with a soft bonnet or lambs wool buffing pad. Use a spray buff solution at all times when buffing, do not dry buff. Never use nylon buffing pads on the floor.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Periodically, it will be necessary to remove polish to prevent buildup.

- Scrub the floor with a 170 rpm floor machine equipped with a natural fiber, medium grade scrubbing brush and a liquid stripping solution like Congoleum 5003C Bright 'N Easy Commercial Polish Remover, following label instructions for dilution. Apply a liberal amount of solution with a mop and allow it to sit on the floor for a few minutes before scrubbing. Do not allow the solution to dry on the floor; re-wet if necessary. Do not use no-scrub or no rinse stripping solutions.
- While scrubbing move the floor machine back and forth in one direction and then back and forth in a perpendicular direction to get into the crevices.
- Use a wet/dry vacuum to remove the residual stripping solution before it dries.
- Rinse the floor thoroughly with a clean mop, changing water frequently. Allow to dry.
- Re-apply 3 to 5 coats of high quality acrylic floor polish like Congoleum 5002C Bright 'N Easy Commercial Polish following label instructions. Allow the polish to dry between coats.

PREVENTATIVE CARE

- Use care to protect the newly installed floor from rolling loads for the first 72 hours while adhesive is drying.
- Always use strips of hardwood or plywood when moving heavy objects such as furniture and equipment over the floor even when using carts or dollies with wheels.
- Heavy furniture or appliances should be equipped with flat, non-staining 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". Replace small, narrow metal or dome-shaped glides with smooth, flat glides that are flat on the floor.
- Moveable appliances and furniture should be equipped with easily swiveling casters. They should be at least 2" in diameter with non-staining 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 non-staining), 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 interior furnishing products, may discolor or fade when over-exposed to the sun.
- Heat-producing appliances and equipment 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 the floor. Cigarettes, matches and other very hot objects can also damage the floor.
- Some solutions contain chemicals that may permanently stain or damage flooring if not cleaned up immediately. Asphalt sealers used on driveways and parking lots, particularly those recently installed or resealed with coal tar sealer, can cause permanent staining in prominent traffic areas. Regular maintenance and floor mats placed at entryways will reduce or eliminate coal tar stains. Congoleum recommends the use of latex-emulsion sealers where possible.
- Never use steam cleaning machines on Congoleum floors; they can permanently damage the floor.

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