

# vinyl

**Vinyl is one of the most widely used materials for flooring due to its relatively economic price tag, ease of installation and smooth, even surface. It is available today in an amazing wide variety of colours, patterns, surface textures and performance grades. In its newly laid state it is very susceptible to rapid wear, staining and permanent soiling, causing a dulled appearance. To overcome this, a polish/sealer is applied to the vinyl surface which protects it and provides a surface which can be cleaned easily and buffed to a brilliant shine. Many vinyls are now being factory treated with a coating which requires very little ongoing maintenance.**

## CHEMICAL COMPATIBILITIES

**Acids** - Most vinyls show strong resistance to acid cleaners. However, always pre-test.

**Alaklis** - Most vinyls show strong resistance to alkali cleaners. However, always pre-test.

**Solvents** - Most vinyls can be permanently damaged by strong concentrations of solvents. Use solvent cleaners with extreme caution.

**Remember** - *Most sealers and polishes will be damaged by acids, alkalis and solvents. Only use a neutral cleaner &/or buffing solutions to maintain these floors.*

## CLEANING

### General Grime and Oils

Soil build-ups, fats and stubborn oily spots are effectively removed with T&G Cleaner Pro or T&G Degreaser. If the vinyl is coated with an acrylic sealer/polish then Proneutro should be used.

### Mould & Mildew

Mould & mildew on onyx is effectively removed with Chlorosan. Many stains caused by food spills and plant matter can also be removed in the same way.

### Removing Old Polish or Wax

Removing unwanted polish or wax which has built up over many years from polish application, buffing or burnishing is easy to achieve using an Actichem floor stripper.

## CLEANING SEALED OR POLISHED VINYL

Acrylic sealers and polishes which are used to protect and impart a gloss to vinyl floors are damaged by alkalis, solvents and strong solutions of acids. Therefore a professionally formulated neutral cleaner is required to clean any flooring that is coated with an acrylic polymer polish or sealer.

### Cleaning

Clean floors on a regular basis using Proneutro neutral cleaner. Proneutro is suitable for use in a mop & bucket or an auto-scrubber. Cleaned floors can then be buffed using Instabuff Super to restore shine and repair scratches and wear in the surface of the polish.

## PROTECTION

Vinyl flooring must be coated with an acrylic sealer or polish to protect it against permanent staining and wear caused by foot traffic and make it easier to clean. Depending on the level of traffic, the cleaning method to be used and the desired level of gloss, a variety of coatings are available.

### Instaseal

Instaseal provides a tough base coat for the subsequent use of Instagloss or Instaglaze. When used as stand-alone coating it provides a robust protective coating to the vinyl floor with a low sheen.

### Instagloss

Instagloss is a high quality, scuff resistant polish which produces an immediate deep gloss that is easily maintained using a rotary polisher.

### Instaglaze

Instaglaze is a tough, high gloss polish for use where the floor is to be maintained with an auto-scrubber and burnished with a UHS burnisher. Ideal for shopping malls and large floor areas subject to heavy foot traffic.