

StaticSmart® Northland Series ESD Rubber Tile Flooring

Maintenance Overview

- One of the greatest benefits of using rubber flooring products is they do not require a protective wax or floor finish within the parameters of a maintenance program. However, these products do require daily and routine care and maintenance with cleaning equipment to maintain the desired appearance. The frequency of daily and routine maintenance will depend upon the amount and type of traffic in the area; however, maintenance may be more frequent within the first year of installation. Over time, rubber materials will require less frequent routine maintenance as a protective film builds on the surface of the material.
- When installing Northland Series Rubber Tile flooring in areas where rolling chairs will be used, a resilient flooring chair pad must be installed over the finished floor to protect floor covering. In areas where desks, chairs and or furniture with castors will be used, it is extremely important to reduce the amount of debris around the area of the chair, furniture feet or castors. When furniture is moved repeatedly, this debris can build up underneath chair and furniture feet or castors and cause damage to the flooring. The chair castors and other chair and furniture floor protection devices must be regularly inspected for debris, build-up or damage and cleaned when necessary.
- Always use untreated, new or thoroughly cleaned mops and pads when conducting daily or routine maintenance. Do not use Kerosene, Gasoline, Naphtha and/or other solvents to clean Northland Series Rubber Tile flooring. As with any maintenance program, be sure to use proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) per the cleaning product SDS and ensure all maintenance procedures are conducted per the cleaning products instructions. The use of Caution Tape and /or Wet Floor Signs is recommended to prevent slips and falls.

INITIAL MAINTENANCE

- Prior to moving furniture or heavy equipment, sweep the floor and cover with an appropriate protective product, such as Masonite, Board or equivalent, to prevent scuffing and scratching that may not come out during the maintenance procedures.
- Ensure that adhesive has cured for recommended period of time (**see installation instructions**) prior to conducting initial maintenance. Remove any protective coverings prior to cleaning. Sweep or dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris. Do not use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen. Do not use detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” type products, as they will dull the finish and sheen of the flooring material.
- Apply a neutral cleaner per manufacturer’s instructions. Use a clean mop to apply cleaning solution to the area and let stand for 5-10 minutes. If using a low-speed floor buffer or swing single disc scrubber (180 – 360 RPM), buff floor while wet using a 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pad. If flooring is heavily soiled, a 3M 5100 Red Buffer Pad may be required. If using an auto-scrubber, buff floor while wet using a 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Buffer Pad. If flooring is heavily soiled, allow cleaner to remain on surface for an additional 5-10 minutes before scrubbing and removing.
- Use an auto-scrubber, wet vacuum or clean mop to remove any and all excess cleaning solution. Rinse area with clean, cool water and allow floor to dry entirely. Ensure flooring area is clean and that all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require additional rinsing).

DAILY MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting daily maintenance. Sweep or dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris. Do not use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as these may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.

Use a neutral cleaner and a clean mop to clean spills, dirt buildup and other debris. Allow floor to dry before allowing foot traffic.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE (< 90 DAYS after installation)

Do not dry buff flooring within the first 90 days of installation. To protect flooring material within this time period, conduct routine maintenance with a neutral cleaner every 1-2 weeks. Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting routine maintenance. Flooring area must be free of dust, dirt and debris.

Use a neutral pH cleaner and a new or thoroughly cleaned nylon or rayon lint-free mop to evenly apply cleaning solution to the flooring material. Allow floor to dry before allowing foot traffic.

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Use an auto-scrubber, wet vacuum or clean mop to remove any and all excess cleaning solution. Rinse area with clean, cool water and allow floor to dry entirely. Ensure flooring area is clean and that all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require additional rinsing).

Once clean, dry buff area with a low-speed floor buffer or swing single disc scrubber (180 – 360 RPM) and a basin brush attachment or a 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pad. For small installations or hard to reach areas, use a clean, soft towel or cloth wrapped around a push broom.

Depending on traffic, routine maintenance will need to be performed regularly within the first year of the installation until the flooring material builds up a protective layer through dry buffing. Within this time period, ensure daily maintenance is performed to maintain the appearance of the flooring material.

FLOORING PROTECTION

Protect newly installed flooring with construction grade paper or protective boards, such as Masonite or Ram Board, to protect flooring from damage by other trades. Do not slide or drag pallets or heavy equipment across the new flooring. Limit usage and foot traffic according to the adhesive's requirements. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, protect flooring from scuffing and tearing using temporary floor protection.

All furniture casters must be made of a soft material and must have a contact point of at least 1" wide to limit indentation and flooring damage. All rolling chairs or seating must have a resilient flooring chair pad installed over the finished floor to protect floor covering. All fixed furniture legs must have permanent felt or soft rubber floor protectors installed on all contact points to reduce indentation. Floor protectors must have a flat contact point of at least 1 sq. in or 1 in. in diameter and must cover the entire bottom surface of the furniture leg.

Ensure all furniture castors and chair legs are clean and free of any and all dirt and debris. Routinely clean chair castors and furniture legs to ensure that dirt or debris has not built up or become embedded in castors or floor protectors. Replace chair castors and floor protectors at regular intervals, especially if they become damaged or heavily soiled.

Place walk-off mats at outside entrances. Ensure mats are manufactured with non-staining backs to prevent discoloration.

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