

## EASY CARE STEPS FOR ARMSTRONG GENUINE LINOLEUM FLOORS

Genuine linoleum is a unique material with maintenance characteristics similar to wood. It is tough and durable but susceptible to moisture and alkalinity. In order to produce its best appearance and to protect it from dirt and excess moisture, linoleum should be cleaned and cared for with recommended product only.

**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.

### Regular Cleaning

1. Sweep or vacuum floor thoroughly
2. Mix **S-485 Armstrong Commercial Floor Cleaner** with recommended amount of COOL water per label instructions.
3. Wash with lightly dampened mop.
4. Change cleaning solution frequently.
5. Allow floor to dry.

### Polishing

1. Sweep or vacuum floor thoroughly.
2. Mix **S-485 Armstrong Commercial Floor Cleaner** with recommended amount of COOL water per label instructions.
3. Wash with lightly dampened mop.
4. Change cleaning solution frequently.
5. Allow floor to dry.
6. Apply 2-3 coats **S-480 Armstrong Commercial Floor Polish** with a clean damp mop.
7. Apply polish in areas 3-4 square feet (do not pour on floor).
8. Let dry at least 30 minutes between coats.
9. Allow final coat at least 60 minutes to dry.

### Restorative Maintenance – Stripping

Stripping or removing previously applied polish to your floor **should only be performed when routine cleaning no longer works** to get your floor looking like new again. **Consult the Armstrong technical services department** for detailed information and product recommendations for stripping your linoleum floor, 1.800.233.3823.

### Linoleum Color Change

“Drying room yellowing” sometimes referred to as “seasoning bloom,” “drying room film” or “stove yellowing” is a natural phenomenon that occurs during the manufacturing process of all linoleum. As linoleum cures in the drying room, a yellowish cast may develop on the surface due to the oxidation of the linseed oil. This is not a product defect. Any change in the product’s appearance because of this **yellow cast is temporary and disappears after exposure to either natural or artificial light**. The time required for the yellow cast to disappear ranges from a few hours to several weeks depending on the type and intensity of the light source. Typically, the yellow cast disappears more quickly with exposure to natural light. The application of floor finishes will not interfere with the dissipation of the yellow cast. Disappearance of the yellow cast will not occur on areas not exposed to light.