

Heterogeneous Sheet and Tile

TRANSLATIONS | PERSPECTIVES (SHEET AND TILE) | TIMBERLINE

TRANSLATIONS, PERSPECTIVES and TIMBERLINE are manufactured with a protective urethane finish that provides improved maintenance characteristics and maintenance options for the end-user.

NO POLISH, NO BUFFING MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

A. Initial Maintenance and Preparation for Commercial Traffic

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit and debris.
2. Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean, white cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carefully following warnings on the container.
3. Damp mop the floor with a properly diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.
4. If necessary scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner and the appropriate scrubbing pad (red for light scrub, blue/green for a deep scrub) or equivalent brushes. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow it to dry completely.

B. On-going - Daily / Regular Maintenance

1. Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor daily to remove dust, dirt, grit and debris that can damage the floor and become ground into the surface.
2. Spot mop as needed. Any spills should be cleaned up immediately.
3. Damp mopping of the floor should be performed on a regular or daily basis depending upon traffic and soil levels in the space. Use a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.
4. When needed, machine scrub the floor with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner and the appropriate scrubbing pad (red for light scrub, blue/green for a deep scrub) or equivalent brushes. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow it to dry completely.

For Best Results

- When performing wet maintenance always use proper signage and prohibit traffic until the floor is completely dry.
- 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.
- The use of aggressive strippers such as mop-on/mop-off, no-scrub and no-rinse strippers is not recommended on PERSPECTIVES tile floors less than two years old because they may affect the adhesive bond.

- Do not dry buff or burnish the unpolished surface. Floors which are to be drying buffed or high-speed burnished should have a sufficient base of polish (5-7 coats). Floors must also be clean and dry before burnishing. Any residual soil on the floor before burnishing will be ground into the finish resulting in discoloration.
- Do not use excessive amounts of liquid during maintenance.
- Do not use brown or black pads, equivalent brushes or stiff-bristled, highly abrasive brushes on Armstrong resilient flooring.
- It is important to protect the floor during the installation and construction phase. If other on-site work is continuing, consider using a protective covering such as plain, undyed Kraft paper to guard against damage to the new floor. When moving heavy fixtures or appliances over the flooring on casters or dollies, the flooring should be protected with 1/4" or thicker plywood, hardboard or other underlayment panels.

ALTERNATIVE MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

Recognizing that some end users may prefer other maintenance options these products may also be maintained using floor polish (finish) or with spray buffing as described below.

A. Polish Option

- After completing Steps 1 and 2 above under Initial Maintenance, scrub the floor using a rotary machine or auto scrubber with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution such as Armstrong S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner and a red scrubbing pad or equivalent brush. This will promote polish adhesion.
- Apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish.
- Additional coats of floor polish may also be applied as part of On-going maintenance (see Section B. On-going - Daily/Regular Maintenance above). Additional coats of polish should only be applied after scrubbing.

B. Spray Buff Option

- After completing the necessary steps under Initial Maintenance, spray buff the floor using a spray buff solution and the appropriate pad or brush.
- Spray buffing may also be used as part of On-going maintenance (see Section B. On-going - Daily/Regular Maintenance above), but should only be conducted after scrubbing.

NOTE: For the above two options, at some point it may become necessary to remove polish build-up by stripping the floor. The use of high-quality maintenance products such as Armstrong commercial floor care products and adherence to a well-planned maintenance program will greatly reduce the need for stripping. Should stripping become necessary, follow the procedures outlined below.

C. Restorative Maintenance – Stripping

NOTE: The use of aggressive strippers such as mop-on/mop-off, no-scrub and no-rinse strippers is not recommended on PERSPECTIVES tile floors less than two years old because they may affect the adhesive bond.

1. Mix stripping solution to the appropriate dilution, depending on floor finish build-up. Blockade areas to be stripped. Apply liberal amounts of solution uniformly on floor with mop. Let stripping solution soak for the appropriate amount of time recommended by the stripper manufacturer. Keep areas to be stripped wet.
2. Machine scrub the floor (300 rpm or less) with a scrubbing pad (3M blue or equal) or equivalent scrub brush to break up the polish film. Do not allow stripping solution to dry on the floor.
3. Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum or mop. TIP: Drizzling fresh clean rinse water onto the dirty stripping solution will assist with more thorough removal.
4. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow it to dry completely.
5. Based on the selected maintenance option above, do one of the following:
 - If maintaining with the Polish Option apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish such as Armstrong S-480 Commercial Floor Polish.
 - If maintaining with the Spray Buffing Option, spray buff using a rotary machine (175 to 600 rpm) with the appropriate pad and spray buff solution.