

A.C.E. SPC Flooring

Care and Maintenance Guide

After Installation

- Flooring should be one of the last items installed in a project. In order to protect the floors while other trades are finishing their work prior to final cleanup and turnover to the owner, use rosin paper and only use 3M Scotch-Blue™ 2080 Tape to hold the rosin paper to the floor (other blue tapes may damage the finish). Clean the floor thoroughly before laying the rosin paper to ensure that no debris is trapped underneath. DO NOT USE plastic film or other non-breathing coverings as this can cause the floor to become damaged from humidity buildups.
- Install any transition moldings that may be needed (reducers, T-moldings, etc.). Allow a 5/16" expansion space between the edge of the floor and under the molding. Do not drive fasteners into the floor.
- Install wall and cabinet trim to cover the expansion space. Make sure to not pinch the floor between the trim and subfloor. Do not drive fasteners into the floor.
- Use 100% siliconized caulk where appropriate for aesthetic purposes. Do not caulk the perimeter of the floor.
- Dust mop or vacuum your floor to remove any dirt or debris.
- It is suggested that you clean the floor using a recommended pH neutral cleaner.
- A clean white cloth dampened with odorless mineral spirits may be used to remove adhesive residue. Never apply mineral spirits directly to the flooring.

Protection and Maintenance of Your Floor

Lasting beauty can be achieved through purchasing a quality floor covering and providing proper on-going maintenance.

- Avoid exposure to long periods of direct sunlight. Close blinds or drapes during peak sunlight hours. Floor covering subjected to excessive heat and light is subject to thermal degradation. Use appropriate precautions to minimize potential effects on the floor covering.
- Furniture should be moved onto the newly installed floor using an appliance hand truck over hardboard runways.
- Frequently moved furniture should be equipped with felt pads to avoid scratching the floor. Heavy furniture and appliances should be equipped with non-staining large surface floor protectors. Furniture with castors or wheels must be easy swiveling, large surface non-staining and suitable for resilient floors. Do NOT use ball type castors as they can damage the floor.
- All rolling chairs should only be used over chair mats.
- Pool tables should be moved into position, do not slide across the floor. A level subfloor and wider expansion gap is essential in these areas. Furniture pads are recommended to spread the weight for pool tables with smaller feet.
- Use walk off mats at entrances to prevent dirt and grit from being tracked on to the floor.
- Use non-staining mats. Rubber may discolor the floor.
- Do not track asphalt-driveway sealer or automobile-oil drips on to the vinyl floor covering.
- Oil or petroleum-based products can result in surface staining.
- Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove loose dirt. Avoid using a vacuum with a beater bar.
- Do NOT use electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms with no padding.
- Do NOT use steam mops.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Damp mop as needed using clean water and a diluted floor cleaner. Do NOT use harsh cleaners or chemicals on the floor. Do NOT use abrasive scrubbing tools. Do NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" products.