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# Interface Modular Flooring Systems LVT Maintenance Guide

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## General Maintenance

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Interface Luxury Vinyl Flooring can be easily cleaned using normal floor cleaning devices such as a household broom, a suction-only vacuum cleaner, or a damp mop. Always use non-aggressive maintenance products like liquid cleaning solutions and microfiber mops and cloths.

NEVER use products that can damage the surface of your LVT. These type products would include powdered cleaners, metal-bristle brushes, or steel wool. Do not soak floor with water or liquid cleaners and do not allow puddles of water to remain on the floor.

Regular maintenance will keep your floor looking good and help protect the surface from scratches and blemishes.

### Maintenance after installation

- Clean the floor after 48 hours from the completion of installation.
- Start with dry sweeping or dust mopping to remove as much dry soil as possible.
- Follow this with wet mopping using a neutral cleaning solution (pH of 6 - 8) and a microfiber mop. Make sure to use a liquid cleaning solution that is Ready-to-Use or dilute the cleaner with the proper amount of water.
- Rinse mop often with clean water while mopping to remove contaminants from mop.
- After mopping with cleaning solution, rinse floor with clean hot water and microfiber mop.
- Allow floor to completely dry before foot traffic is resumed.
- Always use a damp mop. Do not pour water directly on the floor and do not allow puddles of water to remain on the floor.

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## Precautions

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### Daily cleaning & maintenance

Depending on foot traffic and the level of dirt, intensive cleaning will become necessary after a certain time.

- Dry soil removal should be done on a daily basis or more frequently with heavy traffic.
- Remove dry dust and dirt with a broom or dust mop.
- Floor should be wet cleaned a minimum of once a week using a neutral cleaning solution and a microfiber mop.
- After removal of the dirt, clean the floor with hot water.
- Allow floor to completely dry before foot traffic is resumed.
- Always use a damp mop. Do not pour water on the floor and do not allow puddles of water to remain on the floor.
- For large areas it is acceptable to use an auto scrubber with a non-abrasive pad (Red or White 3M Floor Pad).

Always fix felt pads to the feet of chairs, tables and cupboards. Protect your flooring and reduce dirt and gravel by using floor mats at the entrances of the rooms. Rubber can damage the LVT flooring irreparably, so avoid mats with rubber lining, rubber furniture legs or rubber wheels. Office chairs must be provided with soft wheels. Dragging heavy household appliances or furniture over the flooring without protection may also damage the flooring. Be careful with kitchen appliances, cigarettes and hot or heavy objects that can damage the floor when falling.

## Maintaining a LVT & Carpet Tile Installation

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Maintain each type of flooring according to its specifications. Where the carpet tile and LVT meet, take note of the following:

- Motorized equipment designed to clean LVT (auto-scrubbers) should not be used on carpet and motorized equipment designed for carpet (extractors) should not be used on LVT.
- When cleaning either carpet or LVT where the edges of both carpet and LVT meet, care should be taken to not overlap the cleaning process onto the other product. If necessary apply a few strips of painters tape to protect the edge of the product not being cleaned.



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