



# **Atrafloor**

Your care & cleaning guide

# Care and Love for your Vinyl

Dirt and stains can be unforgiving when allowed to settle and make home on vinyl products, we've put together some tips for you to give your vinyl the care it deserves.

## **Prevent, prevent, prevent**

Do not use wax based products. Your floor is a non-wax vinyl and therefore wax is not required.

- 1) Place a doormat, bath mat or rug to protect high-traffic areas (e.g. entranceway). Avoid using rubber or latex backed mats that may cause unnecessary marks to clean.
- 2) Clean up any spills immediately. The longer you leave a spill to settle, the more likely it is to stain.
- 3) Use felt furniture pads underneath furniture to avoid unnecessary scratches. If using furniture on wheels check for any debris or sharp edges sticking out when moving this.
- 4) When moving furniture do not drag along the floor. Where possible lift and place. When having to move heavier furniture that you cannot carry or do not wish to carry try laying something such as plywood to create a path to the destination of the furniture.
- 5) High-heels have been proven to place extreme pressure on flooring, including vinyl, laminate, wooden flooring etc. Where possible avoid wearing these on your vinyl.
- 6) Keep pet nails neatly trimmed to avoid scratches.

## **Regular cleaning**

With vinyl, it is best to use low impact cleaning techniques. Avoid using cleaning products with staining chemicals such as bleach.

- 1) Sweep your vinyl as often as you can, daily, if possible. This prevents any dirt getting ground into your flooring.
- 2) You'll find the best way to pick the dirt up is with a slightly damp mop. Mop weekly with warm water, but try not to drench the floor with water.

## **Tackling those stubborn dirt/stains:**

Avoid ammonia based products and other harsh chemicals. They may cause staining.

- 1) When you've got tougher dirt or stains to clean and the above techniques haven't worked, you can try mild detergents specifically for non-wax floors.
- 2) Always rinse well after cleaning with soap or detergents to ensure no residue is left. Residue actually collects dirt.

## **Wear and tear**

These may not restore your vinyl perfectly visually but it will protect the vinyl from further damage by preventing dirt or moisture from getting underneath the wearlayer.

- 1) For small scratches try vinyl floor restorers. Make sure the floor is clean prior to use. Sweep clear of all debris and damp mop. Pour the solution onto a section of a floor at a time and spread evenly with a microfibre mop.
- 2) For deeper scratches or cuts where only the wear layer is affected but the design is still intact, try using the cold weld solution previously used during installation to seal the gap. Again, sweep then mop the vinyl with a damp mop prior to applying.
- 3) For larger splits or burns or where the design has been damaged underneath the wear layer, you can try a vinyl repair kit with paints. It'll help blend imperfections into your current flooring but can't provide perfect visual results. Clean the tear before starting and follow the manufacturer's guidelines.

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