

Maintenance Guides

Luxury Vinyl (LVT)

There are two basic maintenance options on LVT Flooring:

Domestic maintenance

The floor should be swept or vacuumed on a regular basis. Dirt spots and liquids should be cleaned up as soon as possible with water. It's equally as important to clear up any surface water as soon as possible to avoid discolouration – this is also known as 'blushing' which is recognised by the white marks that appear due to prolonged contact. To avoid this, ensure that damp mats, towels etc are not left on the floor and check that there is no trapped water under any fixtures in the room. However, it's useful to know these spots do disappear after around 2 weeks if left to dry out completely. For a complete clean, use a PU cleaner with damp mop with a neutral detergent followed by rinsing with clean water.

Commercial Maintenance

The above can also be used but for larger areas a spray and buffing can be used. After an initial clean apply two light coats of a high quality commercial floor finish. The floor can then be spray buffed using a polishing machine at low settings.

Preventative measures

Use protective entrance mats to help remove dirt and grime and reduce the risk of soiling. Avoid use of rubber or latex-backed mats and furniture bases/feet. Install floor protectors to the bottom of furniture, such as felt pads, to help reduce the risk of scratching or marking.

Please note the following only applies to our Spectra range: Direct sunlight can discolour and even warp vinyl flooring. Avoid direct sunlight and sun rooms with the use of blinds, curtains or sheer curtains to protect your floor. As LVT has a maximum recommended surface temperature of 27°C, it's important to ensure this is not exceeded. If the area cannot be shaded with blinds, curtains or film protected glass then glue down LVT should be selected in combination with a high temperature (HT) adhesive.

If you require any further advice on installation then please call our technical department on 02476 012 840, e-mail us on technical@ukflooringdirect.co.uk or click the Live Help Button at the top of the page.