

MAINTENANCE

Review Tarkett Installation and Maintenance Instructions at www.tarkettna.com.

Although Tarkett floors are durable, all floor coverings require some care to look their best. Many problems can be prevented before they occur. Special attention should be paid when selecting a floor for your specific needs.

The type and frequency of traffic on your Tarkett floor will determine the frequency of maintenance needed. The type of floor and even the color will also have some bearing on how much care may be necessary. For example, solid color floors will visually show scuffs, scratches, dirt and general wear to a greater degree than multi-colors of chips or patterns. Of course, white or light colors will visually show staining to a greater degree than darker colors. For this reason, solid color and white floors should receive special attention in regard to preventive maintenance and the amount of care provided. Good judgement when choosing the type and style of your new floor will help prevent maintenance problems before the floor is even installed.

NOTE: DO NOT WASH FLOORING FOR 48 HOURS!

- In order to prevent indentations and scratches, use glass, polished metal or other non-staining cups or casters with flat under surfaces.
- Protect your floor against burns. Tarkett floors can be damaged by burns from the glowing end of a cigarette, matches, or other extremely hot items.
- Protect your floor from tracked-in dirt and grit particles by using mats at all outside entrances. Take the time to remove any imbedded grit particles from shoe soles before entering the room. Avoid the use of rubber or latex-backed mats, as certain rubber compounds can permanently stain vinyl (consult the mat manufacturer to determine if their backing will stain vinyl). Avoid tracking in tar or asphalt from driveways, as this can also discolor vinyl.
- In order to avoid potential permanent damage, avoid stiletto or high heels on your floor.
- All Tarkett floors have good resistance to stains. They are not affected by most common household spills; however, any spill should be cleaned up immediately. The longer the spilled material is left on the floor, the greater the risk of permanently staining the floor. For information regarding the proper method of solution to use on a specific stain, contact technical services.
- Though excessive temperatures will not cause buckling or warping, the product, like other interior based products, will experience relative fading over time . In order to limit and reduce potential fading exposure, the use of drapes or blinds is recommended during peak sunlight hours, especially on patio doors, etc., that receive direct sunlight. ,
- Use a damp mop to clean dirt off the floor. Do not flood the floor while cleaning.
- Never use highly abrasive scrubbing tools.
- Immediately and thoroughly wipe up any spilled liquid.

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RESIDENTIAL AND LIGHT COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE

Information concerning Installation and Maintenance for Tarkett floors can be found online at www.tarketna.com. This information must be passed on to the end user upon completion of each installation.

Light daily sweeping or vacuuming will prevent dirt and grit particles from being ground into the surface of the floor. If the floor is swept daily, a light weekly washing should be sufficient. The type and frequency of traffic will determine the frequency of maintenance needed. After the first week or so, it will be necessary to use Tarkett SureShine® cleaner or an equal neutral floor cleaner. Apply the SureShine® cleaner to the floor with a sponge mop. After the soil deposits have been loosened from the floor, mop thoroughly with clean water to remove them and all detergents, then rinse the floor with clean, warm water to remove all soapy residue. Do not flood the floor with water. Any detergent film left on the floor can hold tracked-in dirt and leave the surface with a dull, cloudy appearance.

In time, high traffic areas may begin to show a reduction in gloss. When this occurs, thoroughly clean and dry the floor. Apply a light coat of Tarkett SureShine® Polish. To apply Tarkett SureShine® Polish, pour the liquid in a shallow pan; dip in a sponge mop and wring it out gently, leaving it saturated with the liquid polish. Mop in one direction to insure uniform distribution. Do not mop too vigorously as this could cause bubbles. Continue to apply Tarkett SureShine® Polish to the floor until the entire floor is evenly coated. SureShine® Polish dries in 30 minutes; if more than one coat is desired, be sure to let each coat completely dry before applying another. **Keep in mind that 2-3 thin coats are better than one heavy coat.** In time, it will be necessary to strip the old layers of Tarkett SureShine® Polish and apply fresh coats. Strip the polish by using a high-quality wax/polish remover.

Initial Deep Cleaning Procedure

1. Consult and follow application instructions on product labels.
2. Dust mop entire floor area and remove gum, tar, glue, etc. from floor.
3. Mix 4-6 ounces of Tarkett Commercial Floor Cleaner with each gallon of warm water.
4. Dip mop in cleaning solution, let excess solution drain off and apply cleaner liberally to floor. Let cleaner set on floor several minutes before scrubbing. **DO NOT FLOOD FLOOR.**
5. Important: With blue or green pad or equivalent bristle brushes, pass over each tile section at least twice. Do not rush this procedure, it is crucial. If necessary, apply more solution to keep floor wet so that is wet at all times during the deep scrub procedure. Do not let solution dry under any conditions.
6. After a section is deep scrubbed, pick up the cleaning solution immediately with an automatic scrubber or clean mop with clear water. Rinse the floor clean and allow to dry.

Applying Floor Finishes

1. Pour Tarkett Floor Polish into clean mop buckets.
2. Use new properly prepared or clean mops for applying floor finish.
3. Dip mop in floor finish, place mop in wringer and tamp lightly. The mop should be full but not dripping.
4. Apply the 2-3 thin coats of finish to floor. Under normal conditions, allow a minimum of 45 minutes drying time between coats. Ensure adequate drying time between coats. One or two additional thin coats of finish should be applied prior to opening the building for use.
5. Important: AC/Heat must be in operation to assure adequate drying time and curing of finish between coats. Temperature and humidity levels in the building will determine drying time.

Spray Buffing

Spray buffing is a common and effective method of commercial maintenance. If desired, this may be done by attaching a spray applicator or using a hand-held spray applicator and lightly spraying diluted Tarkett Floor Polish (1 part polish to 3 parts warm water) or a commercially-formulated spray buff solution onto the floor. Buff the solution in before the liquid can dry. A thin, protective, glossy film remains after buffing the liquid dry, leaving the base coats intact and reducing the need for stripping. High traffic areas may require refresher coats more frequently.

CAUTION: Make sure the power buffer is in good condition and may be used on wet floors safely. Make sure there is no exposed wiring and no danger from electrical shock.

STAIN REMOVAL

1. If a spill is fresh, wipe it up immediately using a blotting action with a paper towel. Wash and rinse.
2. If the stain has set, remove it with a plastic spatula or something equivalent that will not scratch or damage the floor surface. Wash and rinse.
3. Wash the stain with a clean, white cloth dipped in clear water. Repeat several times, turning the cloth frequently.
4. Wash the stain with a clean, white cloth dipped in a mild solution of Tarkett SureShine® Cleaner. Rinse well.
5. Wipe the stain with a clean, white cloth moistened with full strength Tarkett SureShine® Cleaner. Rinse well.
6. Lightly moisten a clean, white cloth with lighter fluid, taking all necessary precautions against fire, and wipe over the stains. Do only a small area at a time. When dry, wash with Tarkett SureShine® Cleaner. Rinse well.
7. Rub the stain with a nylon pad (the type used for cleaning non-stick pots and pans) dampened with full strength Tarkett SureShine® Cleaner.
8. Dust the stain with household cleansing powder and rub lightly with a nylon pad (the type used for cleaning non-stick pots and pans) or with a clean, white cloth dampened in a mild solution of Tarkett SureShine® Cleaner.

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9. Rub the stain gently with a clean, white cloth dampened lightly with alcohol, taking all necessary precautions against fire. Do a small area at a time. When dry, wash with Tarkett SureShine® Cleaner. Rinse well.

10. Do not walk on the treated area until it is completely dry. Buff.

11. For tough stains or dirt build-up, we recommend a high-quality wax/polish remover. Follow the recommended procedures from the manufacturer.

FLOOR PROTECTORS

For Tables and Heavy Furniture Not Frequently Moved:

In order to prevent indentations and scratches, use glass, polished metal or other non-staining cups or casters with flat surfaces. Flat surfaces should not be less than 2" diameter for the legs of tables and heavy furniture or appliances. They are made with neutral colors and with openings of varying square and round sizes.

NOTE: Some factory installed rolling-type casters on furniture and appliances can damage resilient flooring. The suitability of using these casters rests solely with the furniture or appliance manufacturers; Tarkett does not warrant such items.

For Desk Chairs and Other Rolling Furniture:

Note: Tarkett requires that an appropriate chair pad be used under the rolling chair. This will protect the floor from incidental damage.

Broad surface, non-staining casters or large diameter wheels (2" or more) should be used on office-type desk chairs or other rolling furniture. Wide, flat and soft non-staining rubber composition tread wheel casters or flat glides are recommended. Small diameter or narrow, hard wheel casters, particularly with a crowned tread and without ball swivels will unnecessarily and unduly mark resilient flooring. Consult your flooring contractor regarding the moving of heavier furniture, such as pianos, hand trucks, hospital beds, etc.

For Straight Chairs, Small Cabinets, Bar Stools, etc:

Flat, polished metal glides that have bearing surfaces not less than 1 1/8" diameter should be used on straight chairs, bar stools, etc. These glides should have rounded edges and a flexible pin to maintain flat contact with the floor. Small metal domes should be removed from the bottoms of all chair legs and replaced with the correct glides as mentioned.

*Note: The use of felt pads is **NOT recommended** because felt can trap dirt, sand, or other foreign matter and that can scratch your flooring from the movement of the chair and result in premature wear.*