

# EMPOWER™

## HYBRID RIGID CORE

### Product Care & Maintenance Instructions

Armstrong Flooring's "Empower™" Hybrid Rigid Core Flooring featuring Diamond 10™ Technology is manufactured with a high performance, hydrophobic, urethane finish that encapsulates cultured diamonds within the surface coating to provide outstanding scratch and scuff resistance and deliver improved maintenance characteristics for the end-user.

#### RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

##### Routine care:



#### A. Daily: Sweep, vacuum, static mop.

- Sweep or vacuum regularly, to remove loose dirt which could scratch your floor.
- Only use brooms, static mops or vacuums with a soft bristled brush head



#### B. Weekly: Spray mop

- Sweep or vacuum regularly, to remove loose dirt which could scratch your floor.
- Use of a 'no-rinse', pH neutral floor cleaner (pH 7.0-8.5) is recommended.
- Follow manufacturers directions and dilute to their recommendations.
- Spray a light mist of 'no-rinse' floor cleaner on the floor and mop up any residue (use Microfibre, Nylon or Cotton mop).
- Spot clean marks or scuffs by spraying with floor cleaner, leave for 3 minutes and then gently rub with microfibre cloth, spray and wipe clean.

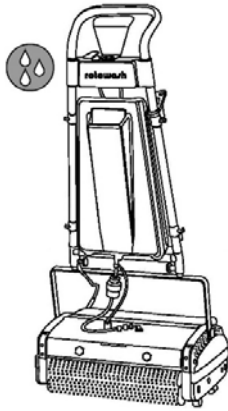


#### C. Regularly: Damp mop (for commercial areas use option C &/or D)

- Sweep or vacuum regularly, to remove loose dirt which could scratch your floor.
- Use of a 'no-rinse', pH neutral floor cleaner (pH 7.0-8.5) is recommended.
- Follow manufacturers directions and dilute to their recommendations.
- Add 'no-rinse', pH neutral floor cleaner to bucket of clean water.
- Rinse mop head in bucket and squeeze out excess liquid, mop solution on floor and then pick up again with mop, squeeze dirty solution into separate bucket before repeating process (use Microfibre, Nylon or Rayon mop).
- Spot clean marks or scuffs by spraying with floor cleaner, leave for 3 minutes and then gently rub with microfibre cloth, spray and wipe clean.

## **COMMERCIAL**

### **Routine care:**



#### **D. Regularly:** Mop using Auto-scrubber (for commercial areas)

- Sweep or vacuum regularly, to remove loose dirt which could scratch your floor.
- Use of a 'no-rinse', pH neutral floor cleaner (pH 7.0-8.5) is recommended.
- Follow manufacturers directions and dilute to their recommendations.
- Add 'no-rinse', pH neutral floor cleaner to clean water and fill tank.
- Following auto-scrubber manufacturers recommendations (e.g. Rotowash or similar), wet and scrub floors (machine will pick up dirty solution) use medium soft nylon brushes only.
- For confined areas - Spot scrub edges & around fixtures using soft bristled broom and spray on floor cleaner.
- Spot clean marks or scuffs by spraying with floor cleaner, leave for 3 minutes and then gently rub with microfibre cloth, spray and wipe clean.

### **CARING FOR YOUR FLOOR:**

- Wipe up spills as soon as possible.
- Floors, may become slippery when wet, allow time for floor to dry after washing.
- Never use highly abrasive scrubbing tools on any resilient floor.
- Do NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners, or "mop and shine" products. These products may leave a dull film on your floor.
- Frequency and type of maintenance required depends on traffic flow, application, environmental conditions and customer requirements. Light and accent colours can require more maintenance, where practical choose darker, more camouflaging colours.

#### **Protection:**

- All flooring should be protected during the construction period. Armstrong Flooring does not recommend covering our PVC floor or wall products with plastic materials (such as builder's plastic, corflute<sup>®</sup>, carpet protector film etc), the use of cardboard is recommended, do not tape protection directly to the flooring.
- Sand and grit are abrasive and can damage floors; stopping dirt at the entrance means less dirt trafficked through the building, protecting your investment and helping keep maintenance costs down.
- Use walk-off mats that are as wide as the doorway entrances and long enough (min. 3 average paces) to trap dirt before reaching the resilient floor. Ensure that walk-off mats are cleaned frequently.
- **Do not use Rubber Backed walk off mats**  
Rubber products such as chair feet, tyres & black rubber backed mats can stain any flooring (including vinyl), do not leave these in contact with flooring.

**Protection continued:**

- Ensure all furniture legs have well maintained non-abrasive feet, use of felt protectors is recommended. Exposed metal legs can damage flooring.
  - Ensure castors on office/ dental type chairs are kept clean, these types of wheels can damage the surface of flooring.
  - **Do not:** Polish, Dry burnish, Spray buff or Scrub using a high-speed polisher/scrubber with abrasive pads/brushes
  - **Do not use:** Highly acidic, alkali, caustic or solvent agents such as hydrochloric/sulfamic acid, toilet bowl cleaner, paint stripper, benzene, toluene, acetone or strong scouring powders, as these will damage the floor.
  - When moving appliances or heavy furniture it is always wise to lay a plywood panel, or similar, on your floor and “walk” the item across it. This protects your floor from scuffing, gouging and tears.
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