

Maintenance Overview

While Recycled Rubber is a tough and flexible products, Recycled Rubber may receive an optional floor finish to protect the surface of the flooring and ease maintenance. After the finish is applied initially, it is the responsibility of the end user to maintain the finish over time to ensure long-term protection and ease of maintenance. Recycled Rubber requires daily and routine maintenance with cleaning equipment to maintain the desired appearance. The frequency of daily and routine maintenance will depend upon the amount and type of traffic in the area.

Floor protection is a critical part of any long-term maintenance program for resilient flooring. Ensure that all chair casters and glides are manufactured from materials that are intended

for resilient flooring to avoid indentation and flooring or finish damage. Ensure that all furniture feet have proper floor protection devices installed to avoid premature wear, scratches and other damage. See Section 5 for details on floor protection.

When conducting daily maintenance, always use untreated, new or thoroughly cleaned mops and pads. Do not use hydrocarbons (Kerosene, Gasoline, Naphtha, etc.) or solvents to clean flooring. As with any maintenance program, be sure to use proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) per the cleaning product SDS and ensure all maintenance procedures are conducted per the cleaning products instructions. The use of Caution Tape and / or Wet Floor Signs are recommended to prevent slips and falls.

Additional Information

Approved Cleaners

PH Neutral Floor Cleaner (such as the Hilway Direct Neutral Cleaner)
Hilway Direct Plus (as a Cleaner/Maintainer)

Approved Finish Removers

Hilway Direct AllSafe Stripper

Approved Finishes

Hilway Direct Plus Acrylic Finish

Technical Support

Additional technical resources and documents are available online at capriathome.com. For additional technical support, send an e-mail to support@litzflooring.com

1. PRE-MAINTENANCE

- Prior to moving furniture or heavy equipment, sweep the floor and cover with an appropriate protective product, such as Masonite, Ram Board or equivalent, to prevent scuffing and scratching that may not come out during initial maintenance.
- Do not use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.
- Do not use detergents, highly alkaline, acidic or abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" type products, as they may dull or damage the finish of the flooring material.
- Do not use sweeping compounds or cleaning agents that contain hydrocarbons or solvents.
- Do not scrub, buff or mop the area per the adhesives traffic limits (48-72 hours) to allow proper curing of the adhesive.
- Do not over-saturate the area when cleaning.
- Do not allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring material, as this can result in an adhesive failure.

2. INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Ensure that adhesive has cured for recommended period of time prior to conducting initial maintenance. Remove all protective

coverings prior to cleaning. Sweep or dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove all dirt, dust or debris.

Mix 6 - 7 oz. of Hilway Direct Neutral Cleaner per gallon of warm and clean potable water (1:20) and use a clean mop to apply cleaning solution to area. Let solution stand for 5-10 minutes. Use a residential floor scrubber, a soft bristled deck brush or a scrubbing mop attachment to scrub heavily soiled areas of the floor while wet.

Alternately, a low-speed (180 – 360 RPM) swing single disc scrubber or an auto-scrubber with a 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad may be used, especially if flooring is heavily soiled.

Use a wet vacuum or clean mop to remove all excess cleaning solution. Using a clean mop, rinse area with clean, cool water and ensure that all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require additional rinsing). Allow area to dry completely before allowing foot traffic.

3. COLORRITE CAULK INSTALLATION

In some cases, ColorRite acrylic caulk may be used to fill minor gaps between seams or caulk around vertical surfaces and fixtures. Ensure that initial maintenance has been performed and that a finish has not been applied prior to using the ColorRite caulk. Use a residue-free releasable tape (such as 3M multi-surface "blue" tape) to cover both sides of the seam or the perimeter of the flooring material and vertical surface / fixture to

prevent over-spread.

Once tape is applied, use a suitable caulk gun to apply ColorRite into the gap or void. Use a plastic putty knife to spread the caulk into the gap or void, ensuring caulk is smooth and flush with the blue tape. The caulk should be slightly higher than the flooring material.

Immediately after application, remove blue tape and any excess caulk from the flooring material. Caulk will take 30-60 minutes to dry - avoid foot traffic until fully dry. ColorRite caulk must have finish applied, especially when applied in the field of a flooring installation - allow caulk to cure overnight prior to applying finish.

4. OPTIONAL FINISH APPLICATION

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to applying the Hilway Direct Plus. Flooring area must be free of dust, dirt, debris, adhesive or cleaning residues and any potential contaminants. Do not dilute finish or apply to surfaces below 50° F.

Shake floor finish container vigorously prior to application. Use a microfiber mop to apply finish in a thin, even film per the installation instructions in 2-3 coats, applying each coat in a perpendicular direction to the previous coat. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying additional coats. Avoid direct forced air, drafts and direct sunlight during application and curing.

Once the second coat is dry, evaluate the floor to determine if an additional coat is necessary. If heavy use is expected, a third coat is recommended. Allow the final coat of finish to dry overnight before allowing normal traffic. Wait 24 hours before allowing heavy traffic and rolling loads.

To prolong the life of the finish, the finish should receive routine maintenance via a cleaner/maintainer or spray buffing. Please see section 5 and 6 for more information.

For additional information regarding the finish and finish application, please see the Hilway Direct Plus Technical Data Sheet.

5. DAILY MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance and finish application has been conducted prior to conducting daily maintenance. Sweep or dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris. Do not use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen. When using a mop, use a two bucket system for cleaning - one bucket with cleaning solutions and another bucket with clean, potable water for rinsing.

Mix a pH neutral, film-free and streak-free cleaner (such as the Hilway Direct Neutral Cleaner) with clean, potable water at a daily cleaning dilution level (~1:200 ratio). Use a clean, damp mop to clean spills, build-up, dirty areas or conduct overall cleaning.

Avoid wet mopping, puddling and pooling of cleaning liquid.

Ensure flooring area is clean and that all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require rinsing with clean, cool water). Allow area to dry completely before allowing foot traffic.

6. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE - CLEANER/MAINTAINER

In addition to a floor finish, the Hilway Direct Plus can also be used as a cleaner/maintainer in order to prolong the life of the finish or repair marred areas. Ensure that daily maintenance has been performed, if necessary. Sweep or dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris. When using the cleaner/maintainer, use a two bucket system for application whenever possible - one bucket with the cleaner/maintainer solution and another bucket with clean, potable water for rinsing.

Mix 1 ounce or 30 mL (1:128) of Hilway Direct Plus per gallon of cool, clean potable water. Use a clean microfiber mop to clean the entire floor. Apply the cleaner in a thin, even coating - **avoid puddling, pooling or flooding the floor**. Do not rinse the flooring after cleaning. Allow area to dry completely before allowing foot traffic.

7. FINISH REMOVAL & REAPPLICATION

If Hilway Direct Plus has been applied to the flooring material, the finish may need to be regularly removed and reapplied, depending on traffic. The timing of removal will depend on the age and condition of the finish, as well as the frequency of daily/routine maintenance and spray-buffing.

Sweep or dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris. Using a new or thoroughly cleaned mop, apply Allsafe Stripper undiluted to the flooring material and allow to remain on the surface for 15 - 20 minutes. Do not allow finish remover to dry onto the floor.

Using a low-speed floor buffer or swing single disc scrubber (180 - 360 RPM), scrub floor while wet using a 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad.

Use an auto-scrubber, wet vacuum or clean mop to remove any and all excess cleaning solution. Rinse area with clean, cool water and allow floor to dry entirely.

Reapply the desired floor finish per the installation instructions in 2 - 3 coats. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying additional coats.

For additional information regarding the finish and finish application, please see the Hilway Direct Plus Technical Data Sheet.

8. FLOORING PROTECTION

Protect newly installed flooring with construction grade paper or protective boards, such as Masonite or Ram Board, to protect flooring from damage by other trades. Do not slide or drag pallets or heavy equipment across the new flooring. Limit usage and foot traffic according to the adhesive's requirements. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, protect flooring from

scuffing and tearing using temporary floor protection.

All furniture casters or glides must be intended for resilient flooring and made of a soft material (such as a felt, rubber or a poly-based material). Casters and glides must have a flat contact point that is at least 1 sq. in. or 1.125 in. in diameter to limit indentation and flooring or finish damage. All rolling seating in desk areas must have a resilient flooring chair pad installed over the finished floor to protect floor covering. **Do not use nylon/hard plastic glides or casters.**

All fixed furniture legs or corners must have permanent floor protectors installed on all contact points to reduce indentation, wear, scratching and other flooring or finish damage. Floor protectors must be intended for resilient flooring and made of a soft material (such as a felt, rubber or a poly-based material). Floor protectors must have a flat contact point of at least 1 sq. in. or 1.125 in. diameter and must cover the entire bottom surface of the furniture leg. **Do not use nylon/hard plastic floor protectors or furniture feet.**

Ensure all furniture castors and chair legs and are clean and free of all dirt and debris. Routinely clean chair castors and furniture legs to ensure that dirt or debris has not built up or become embedded in castors or floor protectors. Replace chair castors and floor protectors at regular intervals, especially if they become damaged or heavily soiled.

Place walk-off mats at outside entrances. Prevent water and moisture from accumulating underneath walk-off mats. Ensure mats are manufactured with non-staining backs to prevent discoloration.

For more information regarding cleaner application, floor finish application or finish removal, please consult all associated product data sheet, SDS and warranty information.