

Maintenance Overview

The Capri @ Home Rubber Cork product is a durable and sustainable flooring option for any home. However, this material does need to be scrubbed after installation to remove the protective coating on the surface leftover from manufacturing. Once complete, the maintenance procedures are quite simple and similar to how you would maintain a hardwood or LVT

floor.

With that being said, there are some general precautions and guidelines that should be followed in order to ensure that you are taking care of your new rubber floor in the best way possible. This maintenance guide contains some quick and easy tips for ensuring your rubber floor lasts a lifetime.

Recommended Maintenance Materials

Recommended Cleaning Chemicals

pH Neutral Cleaner Concentrate (such as ZEP Neutral Cleaner)
Hilway Direct Plus Matte/Satin (as a cleaner/maintainer)

Recommended Cleaning Equipment

Clean, Unused Spray Bottle or a Clean Bucket
Microfiber Flat Mop or Spray Mop
Clean, Dry Flat Microfiber Mop Pads/Heads

Maintenance Support

Additional maintenance resources are available online at **capriathome**. For additional support, send an e-mail to **support@litzfloors.com**

1 Cleaner Selection



Before starting the cleaning process, make sure you have the right cleaner readily available. For a daily cleaning, we recommend a pH neutral, film-free and streak-free cleaner concentrate, such as ZEP Neutral Cleaner (available at Home Depot and Lowe's). For routine maintenance, we recommend the Hilway Direct Plus Matte/Satin Floor Finish, diluted with water as a cleaner/maintainer. Avoid pre-diluted cleaners and finishes, as they may not be diluted at a ratio that is suitable for the task at hand or may have had some evaporation, which can change the dilution. Cleaner concentrates allow you to control the cleaning level, which can help tackle tougher dirt or prevent a film from developing when only light cleaning is needed.

2 Sweep And/Or Vacuum



Prior to mopping, it's a good practice to remove dust, dirt and debris from the floor to prevent it from mixing with cleaning liquids and becoming more difficult to remove. The best way to do this is by sweeping and/or vacuuming with appropriate equipment. When sweeping, make sure the broom is clean and dry to avoid spreading dirt. When vacuuming, avoid using a standard upright vacuum with a beater bar - beater bars can wear or dull the finish of flooring materials. Always use standing vacuum attachments with a brush.

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Mix/Dilute Cleaner



Once the area is swept and/or vacuumed, you are ready to create the cleaning solution. Select a dilution level that fits the level of cleaning required - new floors may require a heavier dilution to remove construction dirt and dust, while routine maintenance with the Hilway Direct Plus will require a lighter dilution. Using a clean, unused spray bottle, a thoroughly cleaned bucket or a spray mop canister, mix the neutral cleaner or Hilway Direct Plus with clean, cool potable water in the desired container. Avoid using hot water, as this may encourage organic growth, such as mold and mildew.

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Apply Solution to Floor



Apply the cleaning solution using one of the pre-mixed containers mentioned in step 3: spray the area with your pre-mixed solution, dip a flat microfiber mop in bucket of cleaning solution and spread or apply cleaning solution using a spray mop. Regardless of method, be sure to apply the cleaner in a thin, even coat over the entire floor - avoid excessive puddling and pooling. Allow the solution to sit on the surface for 5-10 minutes - this will enable it to break down stubborn dirt and build-up.

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Scrub, Remove & Rinse



Skip this step if conducting routine maintenance using the Hilway Direct Plus. After the solution has had a chance to sit, check the area for any obvious dirt build-up or surface stains. Use a stiff bristle brush to agitate these areas to loosen and release the build-up. Once complete, use a dry microfiber mop pad to absorb all of the remaining cleaning liquid. The floor may also be rinsed with clean, cool water once all of the cleaning liquid is removed. This will remove any remaining dirt and cleaning solution, as well as prevent a film from developing, which could attract dirt or dull the appearance of the floor.

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Let Dry & Enjoy



Once cleaned and/or rinsed, allow the floor to dry before walking on it. If the floor doesn't look completely clean, just rinse again with cool clean water. Feel free to repeat this process as often as is necessary. Remember, the more often you sweep and lightly clean the floor, the less often heavy cleaning will be required.

Routine maintenance should be conducted on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis, depending on usage. When the finish has worn through, the finish may need to be removed and recoated. For details regarding this and more, see the Complete Maintenance Guide.