Wellmade® HydriCore™ Engineered Vinyl Plank/Tile Maintenance and Repair Guide

Wellmade Hydri-CoreTM is a High Density Plastic Composite (HDPCTM) flooring with patent pending technology, Hydri-Core is an engineered vinyl plank/tile flooring that uses no adhesive to bond the vinyl layers together and features the patented Unilin® click system and is installed as a glueless floating floor. The interlocking planks lock together to provide a tight water resistant seam, can be installed over most floor surfaces, and is suitable for both residential and light commercial interior applications. For technical information or questions, you can <u>email:</u> customersupport@wellmadefloors.com, or call 866.582.0848 (US only); outside the US, call 503.582.0848

Floor Maintenance

- Frequently moved furniture (chairs) should be equipped with felt pads to avoid scratching the floor and checked regularly. Heavy furniture and appliances should be equipped with non-staining large surface floor protectors. Furniture with castors or wheels must be easy swiveling, large surface non-staining and suitable for resilient floors. Do not use ball type castors as they can damage the floor.
- Avoid exposure to long periods of direct sunlight. Close blinds or drapes during peak sunlight hours
- Use walk-off mats at entrances to prevent dirt and grit from being tracked on to the floor.
- Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to remove loose dirt. Avoid using a vacuum with a beater bar.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Damp mop as needed using clean water and a diluted floor cleaner. Do not use harsh cleaners or chemicals on the floor.

Repairs

In the unlikely event that a plank is damaged for whatever reason, the simplest method is to disconnect the planks carefully (protecting the tongue and groove edges) until the damaged plank can be removed. Then replace the damaged plank with a new one and re-assemble the disconnected planks. This typically works for planks that are close to the two long perimeters of a room. For damaged planks that are not close to the perimeter, you may have to remove the damaged planks and insert new pieces without the short and long end grooves.

1. Using a "Dremel Saw Max" or equivalent, cut out the center of the damaged plank by leaving approximately 1 inch (25.4mm) strip attached to the adjacent planks.

- 2. Carefully cut back from the four corners of the plank to the inside edges in space left by the cut out plank.
- 3. Remove the plank edges carefully from of the adjacent planks making sure the tongues and grooves of the adjacent planks are not damaged.
- 4. Using a sharp utility knife, remove the tongue strip on the long end of the replacement plank. In addition, remove enough of the groove strip of the short end of the replacement plank to slip under the end joint.
- 5. Glue plank in place by using dabs of "super glue" or equivalent on the length groove every 3-4 inches prior to inserting the plank in place.
- 6. Position the replacement plank by engaging the groove of the long side into the tongue of the adjoining plank and pushing the end groove under the one end. The adhesive will hold the replacement plank in place with its adjacent planks.

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