

# General **Residential** Care & Maintenance







## Mohawk Residential Care & Maintenance Guide

Your Mohawk luxury fiberglass vinyl flooring will provide years of carefree use. You will find that it is not only beautiful, but durable. It is also much easier to maintain than most other flooring products, thanks to its tough protective finish and moisture resistance. It only takes a few simple care and maintenance steps to keep your Mohawk floor looking beautiful for years to come.

#### To keep your floor clean, following these proper care and maintenance guidelines:

- Sweep the floor regularly with a soft bristle broom to remove loose dirt.
- Wash the floor with non-abrasive, neutral PH floor cleaner.
- For everyday maintenance, a mop moistened with warm water will suffice.
- Spills should be cleaned up immediately.
- Ensure furniture legs have large surface, non-staining plastic floor protectors or non-staining felt
  pads. The protectors should be at least one inch in diameter and rest flat on the floor. The heavier the
  item, the wider the floor protector should be. Replace small, narrow metal or dome-shaped glides with
  smooth, flat glides that are in flat contact with the floor.
- Heavy furniture or appliances that are not moved often should be equipped with flat, non-staining composition furniture or cups of appropriate size.

### **DO NOT USE** the following on your vinyl flooring:

- Soap based detergents
- Abrasive or mop and shine products
- Floor wax
- · Vacuum cleaners with a rotating beater bars
- Ammonia or bleaches\*

\*For spot treatment, a diluted 1/10 solution of bleach/water is tolerable for stain removal.

NOTE: Always read the cautionary information on all cleaners prior to use!

**IMPORTANT:** Never push, pull or drag furniture, appliances or other items across the floor. When moving furniture or heavy items, always lift and carry the items. Place hardboards between the flooring and object to move.





## How to Treat Stains, Spills & Scuffs

Follow the remedies in order. Unless instructed otherwise, always use a clean, white cloth or towel with products recommended for vinyl flooring. Always rinse the affected area with clean water after treatment.

The Stain - permanent marker, crayon and ink

#### The Remedy

- Rub area with dry cloth or paper towel to remove as much stain as possible.
- If needed, apply small amount of hand sanitizer to the stain and rub lightly with dry cloth.
- Rub lightly with cloth using **NON**-Acetone nail polish remover for any remaining stain.

**NOTE:** Do not use nail polish remover with Acetone.

**The Stain or Spill** – acids, alkalis, blood, food, fruit, fruit juices, candy, cleaners, strong soaps, dye, dye markings, urine and feces, grass, iodine, mercurochrome and rust

#### The Remedy

- First, remove as much solid material as possible.
- Rub area with dry cloth or paper towel to remove as much stain as possible.
- If needed, apply small amount of hand sanitizer to the stain and rub lightly with dry cloth.
- Rub lightly with cloth using **NON**-Acetone nail polish remover for any remaining stain.

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**The Paint & Solvent Spills** – Dry cleaning fluids, lacquer and latex paint, nail polish, solvents, oilbased paints, wood stains and varnish

#### The Remedy

- If substance is dry, gently peel it from the floor. Avoid sharp instruments that could scratch floor.
- Rub lightly with cloth using **NON**-Acetone nail polish remover for any remaining stain.

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Substances That Won't Wipe Up - adhesives, chewing gum, oil, grease, candle wax and tar

#### The Remedy

- First, remove as much solid material as possible.
- Carefully remove excess with a spoon or fingernail.
- Scrub area with non-abrasive cleaner.
- Rub lightly with denatured alcohol or odorless mineral spirits.

Scuffs & Smudges – rubber heel marks, shoe polish, scuffs and smudges

#### The Remedy

- Rub the scuff with fingertip, rubber will come right off. The friction from the rubbing will remove rubber.
- If needed, apply small amount of hand sanitizer to the stain and rub lightly with dry cloth.

#### **CAUTION!**

Denatured alcohol and odorless mineral spirits are flammable solvents. Carefully read and follow cautionary information on their respective labels.

