

MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES



Homogeneous Commercial Tiles

First Cleaning After Commercial Installation

1. After installation when the adhesive is fully cured (see "Curing Times" below) perform with the initial cleaning of the floor.
2. Remove surface dust and soil particles by using a vacuum or brush.
3. Prepare a mixture of TASKI Radical and water - 225 ml (8 ounces) TASKI Radical per 4 liter (1 gallon) of warm water. Spread the solution evenly over the floor using a mop or sponge. **Do not flood the floor** and do not allow the solution to dry onto the floor. Wait 5 to 10 minutes before proceeding with the cleaning.
4. Scrub the floor using a 175 to 350 R.P.M. buffing machine equipped with a red fiber pad or soft nylon brush.
5. Use a wet vacuum or a mop to absorb the residue.
6. Rinse with cold water. Do not flood the floor. Use a wet vacuum or mop to absorb the water.
7. Let the floor dry completely.
8. Dry buff using a 175 to 350 R.P.M. buffing machine equipped with a red pad or soft nylon brush.

CURING TIMES

Site conditions can greatly affect curing times of the adhesives. Visually check the tile installation to make sure curing of the adhesive is happening by pulling back the corner of the tile. If it will not peel back easily the curing process is underway. This must not be attempted prior to 24 hours following installation.

We recommend the following adhesive curing guidelines:

- 24 hours following installation – no traffic.
- 24 to 48 hours – light traffic
- after 72 hours – moderate to heavy traffic, placement of furniture and rolling traffic.

Regular Cleaning

1. Remove surface dust and soil particles by daily sweeping or vacuuming. If necessary, clean with a wet mop, using TASKI R50 neutral detergent.
2. Dry buff using a 175 to 350 R.P.M. buffing machine equipped with a red pad or soft nylon brush.

Note: If a high-speed machine is to be used, our recommendation is the Taski ergodisc 1200.

Important notice on floor finishes - the application and upkeep of floor finishes dramatically increases the overall cost of maintenance. InterFuse flooring does not require the application of floor finishes to protect the floor and should be used for its natural resiliency, however, some users may choose to apply finishes to gain a higher luster.

Methods of Optional Finishes

- **Spray & Buff:** proceed to spray buff using TASKI P44. Use a 175 to 350 R.P.M. buffer equipped with a beige or white pad.
- **High Luster:** using a waxing mop apply one coat of Taski Vision Star and allow this to dry completely before applying a second coat of TASKI Vision Star in the opposite direction. For a high luster finish, spray buff using



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TASKI P44 and a 350 R.P.M. buffing machine equipped with a beige or white pad depending on required luster.

***DO NOT buff floors coated with TASKI Vision Star for at least 24 hours after coating.**

These installations and care recommendations are provided as assistance only. We do not assume responsibility for actual work performed. The warranty extends only to the quality and performance of the InterFuse flooring.

Breaking In Your InterFuse Floor

American Biltrite InterFuse Commercial Tiles have a breaking in period. At first, the factory finish on the tile is so flawless that individual scuffs and scratches will appear more visible. As your floor is broken in with normal traffic its finish will develop to a rich, natural, uniform patina.

In the event that the Interfuse tiles have been affected with scratch marks, they are easily repaired by the following method:

Use a soapy solution as a lubricant with a 1200 to 1500 R.P.M. polisher equipped with a nylon buffing pad or, either a (00) or (000) steel wool pad. Spray a small area with the solution then concentrate the polisher to the generally affected area allowing it to gently burnish the scratches from the tile.

Note of Caution: A high R.P.M. burnisher can be used on a periodic basis to remove heavy scratches by burnishing the tile. This type of a polisher is not recommended for regular maintenance as damage to the tile can be caused with continued use.

Types of Pads and Uses

- White pads used for polishing
- Beige pads used for buffing
- Red pads used for light scrubbing
- Soft nylon brush

Note: For additional care and maintenance instructions you may contact JohnsonDiversey (TASKI) Customer Service directly at 1-800-862-3600.

