



MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Colors Plus Tiles

(Fortress Elements, Color Thru, Heritage Stone & Plain)

First Cleaning After Commercial Installation

1. All Colors Plus Floorings require cleaning and maintenance to retain their original appearance. The frequency with which they must be cleaned depends largely on the amount and type of traffic. Maintenance of Colors Plus flooring requires sweeping, washing, rinsing and the application of a protective floor finish.
2. Following installation when the adhesive is fully cured (see "Curing Times" below) remove surface dust and particles by sweeping or vacuuming the entire area. Using a solution of 225 ml (8 ounces) TASKI Profi per 4 liters (1 gallon) of warm water and a 175 to 350 R.P.M. buffing machine equipped with a red fiber pad or soft nylon brush. Spread the solution evenly over the floor using a mop or sponge. Do not flood the floor. Wait 5 to 10 minutes before proceeding to scrub the floor.
3. Use a wet vacuum or a mop to absorb the residue.
4. Rinse with cold water. **Do not flood the floor.** Use a wet vacuum or mop to absorb the water.
5. Let the floor dry completely.
6. Apply two to four cross coats of TASKI Vision Star floor finish with a waxing mop. Let each first coat dry before applying the next coat.

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 but this will vary with adhesive type used. Check adhesive manufacturer's recommended guidelines:

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

Regular Cleaning

Remove surface dust and soil particles by daily sweeping or vacuuming. If necessary, clean with a wet mop or power cleaner, using TASKI R50 neutral detergent (follow instructions on label). Do not use powder or high-sudsing detergent. For heavily soiled floors clean with red pad or an auto-scrubbing machine equipped with washing brushes and TASKI R50 neutral detergent. Use a wet vacuum or a mop to absorb the residue, and then allow the floor to dry. Restore the finish using TASKI P44 and a 175 - 350 R.P.M. buffer equipped with a beige or white pad.

Heavily used areas: areas that show traffic patterns in the finish, restore the finish by spray buffing with TASKI P44 and a 175 - 350 R.P.M. buffer equipped with a beige or white pad.





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Periodic Cleaning

1. Stripping is required when the finish is soiled, stained or there is a heavy wax build-up present.
2. Prepare a solution of 1 liter (32 oz) of TASKI Radical and 4 liters (1 gallon) of warm water. Spread the solution over the area to be cleaned using a rotary polisher equipped with a blue pad. Do not flood the floor. DO NOT work more than 1 sq m (10 sq ft) at a time. Let the solution work until the dirt and wax residue can be removed easily.
3. Absorb the soiled water with a vacuum or mop. Repeat this operation until the whole area is totally cleaned.
4. Rinse floor thoroughly with clean water. Do not flood the floor. Pick up with wet vacuum. Allow to dry completely before applying floor finish.
5. Apply two to four coats of TASKI Vision Star floor finish following the recommendations given under "First Cleaning After Commercial Installation" section.

These 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 Colors Plus flooring.

Precautions:

- Do not use high-speed burnishing machines on Colors Plus tiles.

General Care

Note: oil mops, oil sprays or oil containing sweeping compounds are not recommended for use on Colors Plus resilient floorings.

1. Floor Protection: floors must be protected against excessive static loads and abrasion when moving furniture. The removal of small metal domes from furniture legs is always recommended. Plastic casters and glides of adequate size should also be used to protect the floor surface. Protective devices should be cleaned periodically to prevent damage when dirt and grit accumulate and are dragged on floors.
2. Direct Sunlight: Colors Plus tile floors constantly exposed to direct sunlight at temperatures over 38°C (100°F) could conceivably result in alteration of dimension, indentation and possible surface colour fading. Protect accordingly with drapes or blinds drawn over windows during peak sunlight hours.
3. Walk-off Mats and Throw Rugs Generally Used In Entrance Ways: some types of walk-off mats and throw rugs are backed with a type of latex that may discolor the resilient flooring. Always make certain that the mat / rug supplier can make assurances that they have a non-staining backing.
4. Stains: certain materials will stain any resilient flooring. These materials include lipstick, solvent type fluid and paste waxes, fresh asphalt paving, rubber matting, rug padding and paint pigmentation used on exterior concrete steps and porches. Dark colored asphalt tile located adjacent to or near the Colors Plus flooring may cause tracking of colour on the tile. Colors Plus flooring must be adequately protected, (suitable walk-off mats are recommended) from contact with such materials since in many cases the stains are difficult or impossible to remove.

Warning: the extremely high forces exerted by stiletto or high-heeled traffic (dynamic loads of 1,000 P.S.I. or more) may visibly damage resilient floorings. American Biltrite will not accept claims for damage caused by stiletto or high-heeled traffic.

Types of Pads and Uses

- White pads used for polishing
- Beige pads used for buffing
- Red pads used for light scrubbing
- Blue / Green medium coarse for scrubbing

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

