

- Don't polish DOMCO TARKETT floor finishes until thoroughly dry - such action kills its luster.
- Don't apply floor finish in a heavy coat. One or several thin, even coats provide better floor protection and improved appearance.
- Mop with clear water if dirt accumulation is not removed by sweeping. DO NOT flood the floor when mopping.
- Be sure no floor cleaner film is left on the floor before applying finish. Floor finish over a floor cleaner film reduces the water resistance of the finish and may leave a spotted floor.
- Touch up worn spots in heavy traffic areas before finish film wears through completely. Usually, it is not necessary to reapply finish to the entire floor.
- NEVER apply floor finish over a dirty surface. The dirt will be trapped under the new coating. If the floor has been exposed to traffic since the last floor finish application, it should be mopped clean.
- Do not force-dry DOMCO TARKETT Commercial Floor Polish or any other high quality acrylic floor finish. This often will cause powdering of the finish.

JOB CONDITIONS REQUIRED

1. AC/Heat fans must be operating to assure circulation and drying.
2. Water and plumbing in building must be in working order.
3. Hot water heater must be hooked up and operating.
4. Floor area must have adequate lighting.
5. Electrical plug outlets in floor area must be "hot" and properly grounded.
6. All debris and equipment must be removed from the floor area.
7. An adequate supply of DOMCO TARKETT Commercial Floor Stripper should already be on hand.
8. All spray painting and clean-up procedures that will generate airborne dust particles must be completed before floor preparation begins.
9. Secure the services of an experienced, professional floor service to provide necessary equipment and manpower to complete the job.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

To prevent delays and to complete the job in a reasonable amount of time, a professional floor service may be considered to provide the following equipment to complete the initial strip and finish operation:

- Clean dust mops
- Mop heads and handles (soak new mops 24 hours)
- Buckets with wringers
- Blue/Green stripping pads or equivalent natural fiber brushes

MAINTENANCE COMPARISON CHART

PRODUCT PROCEDURE	VINYL COMPOSITION TILE STANDARD	VINYL COMPOSITION TILE SLIP RESISTANT	VINYL COMPOSITION TILE STATIC DISSIPATIVE	VINYL ENHANCED TILE	SOLID VINYL TILE	LUXURY VINYL TILE	COMMERCIAL INLAID SHEET VINYL
Factory Applied Finish	Temporary Acrylic	Temporary Acrylic	Temporary Acrylic	Permanent Tritonite II	None	Permanent PVC	Permanent Tritonite II
Initial Stripping	Optional (A)	Optional (A)	Optional (A)	NO	Optional (A)	NO	NO
Initial Deep Scrub	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Floor Sealer	Optional (B)	Optional (B)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Finish Application Number of Coats	YES 4+	YES No more than 3	YES No more than 3	YES 1-2	Optional (C)	Optional (C)	YES 1-2
Commercial No Wax	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES (C)	YES (C)	NO
Follow Up Maintenance	Recoat and/or Spray/Buf	Recoat Wear Zones Do Not Buf	Recoat and/or Spray/Buf	Spray Buf	Dry or Spray Buf	Dry or Spray Buf	Spray Buf
Strip Cycles Per Year	2	2+	1	1	1 (D)	1 (D)	1

NOTES: (A)- Initial stripping may be necessary if floor becomes heavily soiled during construction. (B)- The use of a floor sealer may be helpful in areas subject to high amounts of concentrated surface traffic. Sealer is not necessary or helpful on products with permanent manufacture applied surface treatments. (C)- Commercial No Wax Maintenance Procedure eliminates need of Floor Finishes in certain areas. Depending on site environment and use conditions limited use of Floor Finishes may be necessary. (D)- Stripping will not be necessary if Commercial No-Wax Maintenance Procedures are utilized. Use of Floor Finishes or build up of spray buff film may necessitate an occasional strip out and re-buff.

INITIAL DEEP CLEANING PROCEDURE FOR ALL FLOORS

Consult and follow application instructions on product labels.

Dust mop entire floor area and remove gum, tar, glue, etc. from floor.

Mix 4-6 ounces of DOMCO TARKETT Commercial Floor Cleaner with each gallon of hot water.

Dip mop in cleaning solution, let excess solution drain off and apply cleaner liberally to floor. Let cleaner set on floor 5 minutes before scrubbing. **DO NOT FLOOD FLOOR.**

Important: With blue or green pad or equivalent bristle brushes, pass over each tile section at least twice. Do not rush this procedure—it is crucial. If necessary, apply more solution to keep floor wet so that it is wet at all times during the deep scrub procedure. Do not let solution dry under any conditions.

After a section is deep scrubbed, pick up the cleaning solution immediately with automatic scrubber or clean mop and clear water. Rinse the floor clean and allow to dry.

APPLYING FLOOR FINISHES

1. Pour DOMCO TARKETT Commercial Floor Polish into clean mop buckets.
2. Use new properly prepared or clean mops for applying floor finish.
3. Dip mop in floor finish, place mop in wringer and tamp lightly. The mop should be full but not dripping.
4. Apply the amount of thin coats of finish to floor recommended for the particular product and use conditions expected. Under normal conditions, allow a minimum of 45 minutes drying time between coats. One or two additional thin coats of finish should be applied prior to opening building for use.
5. **Important:** AC/Heat must be in operation to assure adequate drying time and curing of finish between coats. Temperature and humidity level in the building will determine drying time.

CAUTION: Do not dry buff, spray buff or burnish vinyl composition tile or asphalt tile floors without prior applications of a metal cross-linked acrylic finish which is resistant to neutral cleaners. Do not dry strip under any conditions.

If followed closely, these procedures will prevent costly delays and unnecessary expenses resulting from a new floor that has not been prepared properly for the owner.

SPRAY BUFFING

Spray buffing is a common and effective method of commercial maintenance. If desired, this may be done by attaching a spray applicator or using a hand-held spray applicator and lightly spraying diluted DOMCO TARKETT Commercial Floor Polish (1 part polish to 3 parts warm water) or a commercially formulated spray buff solution onto the floor. Buff the solution in before the liquid can dry. A thin, protective, glossy film remains after buffing the liquid dry, leaving the base coat (if applied) intact, reducing the need for stripping. High traffic areas may require refresher coats more frequently.

CAUTION: Make sure the power buffer is in good condition and may be used on wet floors safely. Make sure there is no exposed wiring and no danger from electrical shock.

After the initial bonding period the “Initial Deep Cleaning Procedure For All Floors” is all that is required to prepare the new floor for the needed coats of floor finish.

The permanent PVC wearlayer means that in most cases only 1 to 2 coats of polish is necessary prior to placing the floor into service. In addition, excellent maintenance results are easily obtained by spray buffing either during the initial maintenance procedure or during the normal General Maintenance cycle.

Floor sealer use is not recommended.

TROUBLE SHOOTERS CHECKLIST FOR FLOOR CARE PROBLEMS

Use this guide as an aid to solve some of the most common commercial floor care problems.

POOR GLOSS

Cause	Solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient coats applied or re-coating performed infrequently. • Wrong scrubbing or buffing pads or brushes used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrub, rinse and apply additional coats. • Use red or green pads for routine scrubbing; blue or green pads for deep scrubbing; approved pads or brushes for buffing. On uneven floors, an appropriate brush is recommended.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive amount of sand or grit on floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use approved walk-in mats, dust mop frequently and remove grit outside doors.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor not properly rinsed before re-coating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strip, rinse well and apply new finish.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive alkali moisture from subfloor penetrating through tile joints and disrupting performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek solution to excessive moisture originating in concrete subfloor.

SCUFFING AND SCRATCHING OF FINISH

Cause	Solution
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong scrubbing or buffing pads or brushes used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use recommended pad or brush for each procedure.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive dirt and grit on floor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use approved mats and dust frequently. Vacuum for grit as needed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor finish film is too thick for re-coating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep scrub with a blue or green pad, rinse and dry before re-coating.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not scrubbing or buffing often enough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate main from secondary traffic areas and schedule appropriate maintenance as needed.

EXCESSIVE BLACK MARKING

Cause

- Little or no protective floor finish or poor quality finish.
- Finish being removed by use of harsh cleaners or too abrasive pad or brushes.

Solution

- Use recommended finishing procedures with quality product.
- Use only recommended cleaners and pads or brushes.

STREAKS IN FLOOR FINISH

Cause

- Re-coating too soon before prior coat has dried properly.
- Too much or too little floor finish applied in one coat.
- Incompatibility between new floor finish and one previously applied to tile (acrylic type finish over wax type polish.)
- Dirty mop or equipment used.
- Floor finish frozen or stored in extreme heat.
- Contaminated finish put back in container.

Solution

- Strip, rinse and reapply. With most finishes, allow at least 15 minutes after finish is dry to touch before re-coating. Do not re-coat if mop drags.
- Strip thoroughly, rinse and reapply finish.
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- Be sure equipment is clean before applying finish.
- Replace damaged product, strip, rinse and reapply finish.
- Do not pour leftover finish back into container for future use. Dispose of it.

POWDERING AND POOR ADHESION OF FLOOR FINISH

Cause

- Incompatibility between new floor finish and one previously to tile.
- Wrong buffing or brushed used (too aggressive).
- Burnishing a finish designed for low-speed buffing or spray buffing.
- Floor not thoroughly cleaned or rinsed before finishing.
- Surface force-dried too quickly, rely on heat/ac system.
- Mismatched buffing speed and floor finish.
- Use of a floor sealer over newly installed tile without stripping

Solution

- Thoroughly strip, rinse and reapply finish.
- Use recommended pads or brushes.
- Match the finish to the maintenance procedure.
- Before applying finish, floor must be thoroughly cleaned and rinsed.
- Remove high volume air handler and
- Complete review of maintenance procedures.
- Thoroughly strip, rinse and reapply sealer (if required) and finish.

DISCOLORED FLOOR FINISH

Cause

- Finish applied with new cotton mops before soaking and cleaning them.
- Incorrect concentration of cleaner.
- Dirt coated into floor finish.
- Outside dirt, sand and grit.
- Ineffective daily cleaning.

Solution

- Apply finish with flat finish applicators.
- Follow recommendation ratios.
- Strip, rinse and reapply finish. Deep scrub finish properly before re-coating.
- Use approved mats and runners.
- Damp mopping may not be sufficient. Use auto-scrubber daily with proper cleaner and pads.

FURNITURE STICKING

Cause

- Furniture replace too soon after polishing or left in place during polish application.

Solution

- Remove furniture from area being polished and replace only after polish is thoroughly dry. To release stuck furniture, hit the legs firmly near the floor in a horizontal movement. Protect legs to prevent marring. Do not lift furniture straight up before loosening.

FLOORS SEEM SLIPPERY

Cause

- Silicone based furniture polishes, glass cleaner or similar liquids getting on floor due to overspray or accidental spills.
- Ice melting compounds on floor.

Solution

- Mask off areas subject to overspray or accidental spills with rags or paper to reduce chance of sprays coming in contact with floor.
- Thoroughly remove overspray or spills with appropriate cleaner solution. Apply medium coat of finish over affected area.
- Clean contaminated area with clean water to remove. These areas normally are found near the entrance. Do not use detergents or vinegar when spot cleaning.
- Control use of ice melting chemicals.
- Use approved mats and runners.
- Dust mop thoroughly
- Clean mats and runners occasionally with a wet/dry vac or wet extraction cleaner using plain water.

- Dirt and grit on floor
- High speed buffing a floor with no finish applied.
- Powdery residue left on floor after buffing or other maintenance operation.
- Improperly treated dust mops being used. Usually oil treated.
- Improper floor finish on floor.
- Improper detergent solution. Little or none will not permit removal of foreign substances.
- Use of acids (vinegar) in cleaning water. Acids will destroy the cleaning ability of the detergents.
- Use approved mats and runners.
- Dust mop thoroughly
- Maintain floor finish on floor.
- Dust mop floor after buffing.
- Use mop treated with material compatible with floor finish.
- Use only approved floor finishes.
- Always use recommended dilution of cleaners in accordance with instructions on product label.
- Always measure the detergent and use recommended dilution only. Do not add vinegar or cleaning solutions.