# StoneCast Care & Maintenance

## Maintenance

Your Next Floor Luxury Vinyl floor has a UV-cured urethane wear layer which makes the floor tough and easier to clean. Effective maintenance of your flooring is common sense, all good maintenance procedures consist of thorough dirt and grit control, removal of spills and the protection of the floor surface.

Walk off mats can help considerably reduce the amount of grit brought in by foot traffic, sweeping, mopping and vacuuming all help to control grit. Damp mopping, spot cleaning and washing will remove most spills and stains.

The local conditions of your area will determine specific maintenance needs. Prepare an appropriate maintenance program that meets the needs of the specific facility.

## Regular Maintenance

* Sweep or vacuum the floor to remove all loose dirt and grit.
* Damp mop the floor with a solution of detergent recommended for vinyl flooring - always read the label to ascertain suitability and follow the manufacturers instructions for application.
* Rinse and allow to dry.
* Buff the floor with a dry soft mop or cloth.
* In high traffic areas it may be advisable to utilise a good quality floor polish - again, always read the label to ascertain suitability and follow the manufacturers instructions for application.

## Caution

* Cigarettes and other hot objects of high temperature can scar the surface of the floor.
* Certain types of rubber should be avoided unless it is known they are non-staining. (e.g. rubber backed mats)
* Asphalt and bitumen type products are known to cause PVC to yellow. Care must be taken to avoid stains from these types of products, e.g. residue brought in from newly laid drives, roads etc.

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## Care For Immediately After Installation

* Remove all loose dirt by sweeping or vacuuming with suitable domestic vacuum cleaner (ensure the smooth flooring setting is selected).
* When returning heavy furniture and appliances to the room always use strips of plywood or hardboard to protect the floor. Install wide-bearing, non-staining felt protectors on all movable furniture.
* Remove all loose dirt by sweeping or vacuuming with suitable domestic vacuum cleaner (ensure the smooth flooring setting is selected).
* Remove any residual adhesive from the surface following the adhesive manufacturers instructIons.
* Foot traffic and cleaning is acceptable immediately after installation for Click / Floating Floors.

## Preventive Care / Routine Mainentance

* Sweep or vacuum (without beater brush) at least once weekly or more often to remove loose dirt, sand and grit from your floor.
* Check felt protectors on movable furniture periodically for grit and wear and replace when necessary.
* Heavy appliances and furniture that are not moved often should have square 1 1⁄2” to 2 5/8” or round from 1 3/8” to 1 5/8” flat, non-staining composition furniture casters installed.
* Mobile appliances and furniture should be equipped with minimum 2” in diameter swiveling casters. Do not use ball-shaped casters.
* Place mats at outside entrances to prevent dirt, grit, water, snow, or ice from being tracked onto your floor.

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