

## Maintenance Overview

Rubber wall base does not typically require specialized maintenance within the parameters of a maintenance program. However, these products may require occasional cleaning, which is usually consistent with the adjoining floor covering. The frequency of daily and routine maintenance will depend upon the amount and type of traffic and wear in the area.

When installing Alpha wall base in areas where desks, chairs and or furniture with castors will be used or in areas where auto-scrubbers and/or vacuums will be used, it is extremely important to protect the base from unnecessary

damage due to moving furniture or equipment. Whenever possible, prevent damage and abuse to wall base.

Always use untreated, new or thoroughly cleaned cloth when conducting daily or routine maintenance. Do not use Kerosene, Gasoline, Naphtha and/or other solvents to clean wall base. As with any maintenance program, be sure to use proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) per the cleaning product SDS and ensure all maintenance procedures are conducted per the cleaning products instructions.

## Additional Information

### Approved Cleaners

- Excelsior NC-900 Neutral Cleaner

### Approved Finish Removers

- Excelsior PR-930 Performance Remover

### Technical Documents & Support

Additional product resources and technical documents are available online at [roppe.com](http://roppe.com). For additional technical support, send an e-mail to [solutions@rhctechical.com](mailto:solutions@rhctechical.com).

## 1. POST-INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- When moving furniture or heavy equipment, protect wall base from scuffing and scratching that may not come out during the maintenance procedures.
- **DO NOT** use vacuums or electric brooms which have beater bars, hard plastic bottoms, a rubber bumper or are lacking proper padding or protection, as this may cause marking, discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.
- **DO NOT** use detergents, abrasive, alkaline or acidic cleaners, cleaning agents which contain oil or solvents, as well as "mop and shine" type products, as they will dull the finish and sheen and potentially damage the flooring material.
- **DO NOT** clean area per the adhesives traffic limits (48-72 hours) to allow proper curing of the adhesive.
- **DO NOT** flood the area when cleaning.
- **DO NOT** allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the material, as this can result in an adhesive and/or installation failure.

## 2. INITIAL MAINTENANCE

Ensure that adhesive has cured for recommended period of time prior to conducting initial maintenance. Remove any protective coverings prior to cleaning. Sweep, dust or wipe material to remove any dirt, dust or debris. DO NOT use vacuums or electric brooms which have beater bars, hard plastic bottoms, a rubber bumper or are lacking proper padding or protection, as this may cause marking, discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen. Do not use detergents, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" type products, as they will dull the finish and sheen of the material.

Mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 Neutral Cleaner per gallon of clean, potable water. Use a clean towel or cloth to apply cleaner to material. If heavily soiled, an additional cleaning may be required. Use clean towel or cloth to remove any and all excess cleaning solution. Rinse area with clean, cool water and allow material to dry entirely. Ensure material is clean and that all all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require additional rinsing).

## 3. DAILY MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting daily maintenance. Sweep, dust mop or wipe material to remove any dirt, dust or debris.

Mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 per gallon of clean, potable water. Use a clean mop or cloth to clean spills, dirt buildup and other debris. Allow material to dry before allowing foot traffic.

## 4. MATERIAL PROTECTION

Protect newly installed material with construction grade paper or protective boards, such as Masonite or Ram Board, to protect material from damage by other trades. Limit usage and foot traffic according to the adhesive's requirements. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, protect wall base from scuffing and tearing using temporary floor protection.

***For more information regarding cleaner application or finish removal, please consult the associated Excelsior product data sheet.***