RECOMMENDED CLEANERS, FINISHES & FINISH REMOVERS

Cleaners:

Excelsior NC-900 Neutral Cleaner – A pH neutral, all-purpose cleaner for the initial and daily cleaning of all Rubber and Vinyl Resilient floor coverings

Excelsior PR-930 Performance Remover – A finish remover specifically designed to remove topically applied floor finishes from resilient flooring products that are sensitive to alkalinity, such as rubber flooring and crumb/recycled rubber flooring products

1. POST-INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- Prior to acceptance of this document refer to website: www.roppe.com to confirm the most current version.
- Prior to moving furniture or heavy equipment, sweep the floor and cover with an appropriate protective product, such as Masonite, Ram Board or equivalent, to prevent scuffing and scratching that may not come out during the maintenance procedures.
- DO NOT apply any kind of finish, coating, sealer or film-forming cleaner, as this may affect ESD properties of the flooring.
- DO NOT use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.
- DO NOT use highly alkaline or acidic cleaners.
- DO NOT use sweeping compounds or cleaning agents containing oils or solvents.
- DO NOT scrub, buff or mop the area per the adhesives traffic limits (48-72 hours) to allow proper curing of the adhesive.
- DO NOT allow excess amounts of water to sit on the flooring material for extended periods of time.
- DO NOT allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring material, as this can result in an adhesive and/or installation failure.
- DO NOT use any chemistry that is above a 10.5 pH on rubber flooring as it will cause severe damage and discoloration.

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. Use dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris.

3. DAILY MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting daily maintenance. Use dust mop and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris. Do not use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.

Mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 per gallon of clean, potable water. Use a clean mop or pump-up sprayer to apply cleaning solution to the area and let stand for 5-10 minutes.

If using a low-speed, rotary floor machine (175 – 350 RPM), scrub the floor while wet using a Mal-Grit Scrub Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad. Brushes will work better for textured surfaces.

If using an auto-scrubber, scrub floor while wet using a Mal-Grit Scrub Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad. If flooring is heavily soiled, allow cleaner to remain on surface for an additional 5-10 minutes before scrubbing and removing.

Use an auto-scrubber, wet vacuum or clean mop to remove any and all excess cleaning solution. Rinse area with clean, cool water and allow floor to dry entirely. Ensure flooring area is clean and that all cleaning residue has been removed (this may require additional rinsing).
4. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting routine maintenance. Use dust mop and vacuum flooring 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 pump-up sprayer to apply cleaning solution to the area and let stand for 5-10 minutes.

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Restoration Maintenance is not an exact science and may take more than one attempt.

For further information please contact Roppe Technical Services at solutions@rhctechnical.com.

6. FLOORING PROTECTION
Protect newly installed flooring with construction grade paper or protective boards, such as Masonite or Ram Board, to protect flooring from damage by other trades. Do not slide or drag pallets or heavy equipment across the new flooring. Limit usage and foot traffic according to the adhesive’s requirements. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, protect flooring from scuffing and tearing using temporary floor protection.

All furniture casters must be made of a soft material and must have a contact point of at least 1” in width to limit indentation and flooring damage. All rolling chairs or seating must have a resilient flooring chair pad installed over the finished floor to protect floor covering. All fixed furniture legs must have permanent felt or soft rubber floor protectors installed on all contact points and to reduce indentation. Floor protectors must have a flat contact point of at least 1 sq. in. or 1 in. diameter and must cover the entire bottom surface of the furniture leg.

Ensure all furniture castors and chair legs and are clean and free of any and all dirt and debris. Routinely clean chair castors and furniture legs to ensure that dirt or debris has not built up or become embedded in castors or floor protectors.

Replace chair castors and floor protectors at regular intervals, especially if they become damaged or heavily soiled.

Place walk-off mats at outside entrances. Ensure mats are manufactured with non-staining backs to prevent discoloration.

7. TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION & SUPPORT
Additional product resources and technical documents are available online at www.roppe.com

For additional technical support, send an e-mail to solutions@rhctechnical.com