

## Maintenance Overview

Rop-cord recycled rubber tile is a textured tile that closely resembles a carpet tile. As such, Rop-cord is maintained similarly to carpet tile, yet is incredibly durable and resistant to a wider range of usage than most carpet tiles. Rop-cord does not require a protective floor finish, but does require daily and routine care and maintenance with cleaning equipment to maintain the desired appearance. The frequency of daily and routine maintenance will depend upon the amount and type of traffic in the area. Rop-cord can be maintained using a high-CFM vacuum cleaner, extractor or a high pressure water nozzle and hose in exterior applications.

Always use thoroughly cleaned cleaning machines or equipment when conducting daily or routine maintenance, as the surface of Rop-cord may grab dust, dirt or debris from equipment. Do not use Kerosene, Gasoline, Naphtha and/or other solvents to clean Rubber Tile. 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. The use of Caution Tape and /or Wet Floor Signs are recommended to prevent slips and falls.

## Additional Information

### Approved Cleaners

- Excelsior NC-900 Neutral Cleaner

### 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

- 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** use highly alkaline or acidic cleaners.
- **DO NOT** use detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” type products, as they may discolor the flooring material.
- **DO NOT** use sweeping compounds or cleaning agents containing oils or solvents.
- **DO NOT** scrub or vacuum the area per the adhesives traffic limits (48-72 hours) to allow proper curing of the adhesive.

## 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. Ensure all cleaning equipment is thoroughly cleaned and will not transfer dirt or debris to surface of Rop-cord material.

For interior installations, use a high-CFM, high velocity vacuum to clean Rop-cord in order to remove dust, dirt and debris that has collected on the surface. For minor stains, mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 per gallon of clean, potable water and apply to area using a clean towel/rag or a suitable carpet/steam cleaner system. Remove solution using an extractor or steam cleaner. Allow area to dry prior

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For exterior applications, the Rop-cord can be cleaned with a clean, firm bristle broom and/or a high-CFM vacuum. For minor stains, mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 per gallon of clean, potable water and apply to area using a firm bristle brush. Rinse area using a high pressure water nozzle and clean, potable water

Do not use highly concentrated detergents, abrasive cleaners or products that contain bleach, as this may discolor material.

## 3. DAILY MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting daily maintenance. Sweep and/or 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 rag and/or a firm bristle brush to spot clean spills, dirt buildup and other debris with NC-900 solution. Allow floor to dry before allowing foot traffic.

## 4. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting routine maintenance. Sweep or vacuum and vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris.

Areas that are exposed to repeated traffic that may track in dirty rain water, dirt, debris or deicing mixtures may cause a build-up on the surface of the material. To clean, mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 per gallon of clean, potable water and brush into material using a firm bristle brush. Let stand on surface of material for several minutes to loosen build-up.

Use an extractor or steam cleaner to remove cleaning solution. This may require rinsing with clean, potable water to remove any remaining cleaning solution. Allow area to dry prior to allowing foot traffic.

Depending on traffic, routine maintenance will need to be performed regularly, especially with the changing of seasons or environmental conditions. Ensure daily maintenance is performed to maintain the appearance of the flooring material.

## 5. 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.