



## **Care and Maintenance: Laminate & Vinyl Floors**

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Always sweep or vacuum before cleaning so that all loose dirt and particles are removed. Regular day to day dirt can be cleaned using Traviata Multipurpose cleaner and Traviata Bucket and Mop cleaning system (Micro-fibre Mop). Some rubbing may be required to remove tough spots or spills.

Spills including food should be cleaned up as rapidly as possible with Non Abrasive Traviata Multipurpose cleaner. We do not recommend powdered cleaners, oil soaps, dishwashing detergents or other dusting products. Traviata Multipurpose cleaner is a non-rinsing, biodegradable cleaner that leaves no residue or haze and requires no rinsing after application.

Do NOT wax your floor. The surface of your floor is very dense and non-porous and prevents wax from penetrating. The wax will build up a bed for yellowing and trapping dirt. The same non-porous surface provides all the protection against wear and staining that is needed.

### **Preventive Maintenance**

Use Non-Rubber protective mats at any doors leading in from the outside. This helps prevent sand and grit from getting onto your floors.

Install proper floor protectors (preferably felt) on all furniture legs. Protectors will allow furniture to move easily over the floor without scratching. Clean protectors on a regular basis to remove any embedded grit from the furniture legs. For any swivelled office chairs or rolling furniture use 50mm soft compound (not hard Nylon) castors. (Approved castors are available from Traviata).

To keep floors looking their best, dust, mop or vacuum at least twice a week – more often for heavy traffic.

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for extended periods. During peak sunlight hours use drapes or blinds to minimize the amount of direct sunlight on the floor. In addition excessive temperatures are not good for floors. Some natural ventilation or intermittent air conditioning should be considered for vacant buildings (to minimize the greenhouse effect). Long term continuous temperatures of over 35 degrees C combined with strong direct sunlight will damage your floor.

### **Periodic Maintenance for Rigid Core Vinyl Floors ONLY**

When necessary, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (300rpm or less) with a neutral cleaner, using the proper dilution ratio.

Fit the buffer with a 3M equivalent red or white scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor.

Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely

**Notes:** Never use a brush or pad more aggressive than a 3M red equivalent.

Blue, green, brown and black pads will damage the surface of the floor.

