

Care & Cleaning

Stone Plastic (or Polymer) Composite (SPC)

With today's advances in vinyl flooring stains and finishes, cleaning vinyl has never been easier. These steps can help minimize maintenance and maintain the beauty of your vinyl floors.

If your floor has a beveled edge that could collect debris, regular maintenance requires little more than sweeping with a soft-bristle broom.

Do

- Clean your floors periodically with a professional vinyl floor cleaner. Lions Floor recommends a pH-neutral cleanser.
- For moderately soiled areas, use a mild solution of isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol and distilled water. Dilute the mixture by mixing one part alcohol with two parts distilled water. For tougher spots, use a higher concentration of isopropyl alcohol and distilled water. Denatured alcohol can be used for adhesive and oil-based stain removal.
- Always spot test in an inconspicuous area.
- Use area rugs or walk-off mats both inside and outside doorways to help prevent grit, dirt, and other debris from being tracked onto your floor. Please use a breathable rug pad underneath all throw rugs to prevent scratching.
- Place an area rug in front of the kitchen sink. Kitchen and bath area rugs with non-slip rubberized backing must be non-staining.
- Wipe up spills in a timely manner.
- Protect your floor with floor protectors made of non-staining felt under furniture legs to help prevent scuffing and scratching. Scratching due to insufficient protection is not covered under the warranty.

Don't

- Avoid using cleaning agents containing wax, oil, or polish. The leftover residue will form a dull film.
- Do not use any wood care floor cleaning products on vinyl floors. Self-polishing acrylic waxes can cause the surface to become slippery and appear dull quickly.
- Do not use vinegar as a cleaning solution; its acidic properties will harm the finish.
- Do not wet mop the floor. Standing water can dull the finish, damage the floor, and leave a discoloring residue.
- Do not use a steam mop. Damages associated with steam mop use will void warranty coverage.
- Avoid walking on your vinyl floors with cleats, sports shoes, and high heels. A 125-pound woman walking in high heels has an impact of 2,000 pounds per square inch. An exposed heel nail can exert up to 8,000 pounds per square inch, which can dent any floor surface.
- When moving heavy furniture, do not slide it on the flooring. It is best to pick it up thoroughly to protect the floor from damage.
- Never use a high-speed buffer.

Floor Repairs

- Very light and minor surface scratches can be repaired with a staining “touch-up” pen of the appropriate color or an almond stick. Please refer to the manufacturer’s recommendations on proper application.
- Slightly deeper scratches can be repaired with colored putty, acrylic, and/or stains. Fill the scratches with the putty, level with a putty knife, and use a Terry cloth towel to wipe off excess.
- Very deep scratches or gouges may require the replacement of planks.