

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.

Finishes:

Excelsior MF-940 Matte Acrylic Floor Finish - A durable, scuff resistance acrylic floor finish, developed for vinyl & rubber resilient flooring products such as VCT, LVT, Solid Vinyl Tile, Quartz Tile and Rubber.

Excelsior GF-950 Gloss Acrylic Floor Finish - A flexible, extended-wear acrylic floor finish, developed for vinyl & rubber resilient flooring products such as VCT, LVT, Solid Vinyl Tile, Quartz Tile and Rubber.

Finish Removers:

Excelsior FR-920 Vinyl Flooring Finish Remover – A highly concentrated finish remover designed to remove topically applied flooring finishes from vinyl resilient flooring products.

There are many maintenance products available today for the commercial environment; we cannot test each available product for fitness of use. We have thoroughly tested these products and recommend their use. If you have a question regarding the fitness of use of other products, please contact customer service or technical services using the information above.

1. POST-INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

- Prior to acceptance of this document refer to our website: www.flexcofloors.com to confirm that you have the most current revision.
- 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 scuffs and scratch markings that may not come out during the maintenance procedures.
- DO NOT use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding; this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.
- DO NOT use highly alkaline or acidic cleaners.
- DO NOT use detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” type products (such as Bleach, Pine-Sol, Clorox Soft Scrub, Fabuloso, Mop & Glo, Mr. Clean, Murphy's Oil Soap and similar, unapproved cleaners), as they will dull the finish and sheen of the flooring material.
- 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 floor for extended periods of time.

- DO NOT allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring material; 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 mop and/ or vacuum flooring to remove any dirt, dust or debris.

Mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 Neutral Cleaner per gallon of clean, potable water and clean floor using a low-speed, rotary floor machine (175 – 350 RPM) with a Mal-Grit Lite Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pads. In smaller or difficult to reach areas, use a clean mop to apply cleaning solution to floor. If flooring is heavily soiled, it may require the use of a 3M 5100 Red Buffer Pad and/or an additional cleaning may be required

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).

Do not use detergents, abrasive cleaners or “mop and shine” type products, as they will dull the finish and sheen of the flooring material. 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.

3. OPTIONAL FINISH APPLICATION

LVT products do not require a finish. If finish must be applied, ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to applying floor finish. Flooring area must be free of dust, dirt, debris, adhesive or cleaning residues, mold release agents and any potential contaminants.

Apply Excelsior MF-940 or Excelsior GF-950 per the installation instructions in 3-4 coats. Allow each coat to dry completely before apply additional coats.

4. DAILY MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting daily maintenance. Sweep or 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; 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 to clean spills, dirt buildup and other debris. Rinse the floor with clean, fresh water. Allow floor to dry before allowing foot traffic.

5. ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Ensure that initial maintenance has been conducted prior to conducting routine maintenance. Flooring area must be free of dust, dirt and debris.

Mix 2-4 ounces of Excelsior NC-900 per gallon of clean, potable water. Scrub the floor using a rotary floor machine (175-350 RPM) or Auto-Scrubber with a Mal-Grit Lite Brush from Malish or equivalent 22 gauge soft bristled scrubbing brush or a 3M 4100 Super Polish Pad. If flooring is heavily soiled, it may require the use of a 3M 5100 Red Buffer Pad and/or an additional cleaning may be required

Rinse the area with clean, cool water and allow the floor to dry completely.

6. FINISH REMOVAL & REAPPLICATION

If a floor finish is applied, it will need to be regularly removed and reapplied, depending on traffic. The extent of removal will depend on the condition of the finish and if daily maintenance has been performed to protect the finish.

Use dust mop and vacuum to remove any dirt, dust or debris from flooring. For a normal stripping, Mix 32 ounces of Excelsior FR-920 Finish Remover per gallon of clean, potable water. For a heavy removal, Mix 64 ounces of Excelsior FR-920 Finish Remover per gallon of clean, potable water. Using a new or thoroughly cleaned mop, apply the finish remover solution to the flooring material and allow it to stand on the surface for 10 - 20 minutes. Do not allow remover to dry on the floor.

Using a rotary floor machine (175 – 350 RPM) with a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad, scrub floor while still wet.

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. If finish remains on the flooring material, repeat the process above.

Reapply Excelsior MF-940 or Excelsior GF-950 in 2 – 4 coats following the product instructions. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying additional coats.

7. 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 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.

When furniture is moved repeatedly, dirt and debris can build up underneath chair and furniture feet or castors and cause damage to the flooring. Ensure all furniture castors and chair legs 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.

For more information regarding cleaner application, floor finish application or finish removal, please consult the associated Excelsior product data sheet found at www.excelsiorproducts.net.

8. TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION & SUPPORT

Additional product resources and technical documents are available online at www.flexcofloors.com.

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