



## Rikett Quartz Tile (RQT) Maintenance Guidelines

**NOTICE: FOR THE MOST CURRENT RIKETT MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.RIKETT.NET](http://WWW.RIKETT.NET)**

### *Safety Precautions*

- When performing any wet maintenance, always use wet floor signs and caution tape
- Refer to each product's SDS for use of personal protective equipment

### *Immediately After Installation with Trowel-On Acrylic Adhesive*

- Inspect the floor for any damaged or misaligned tiles and replace them.
- Remove adhesive residue with clean white cloth dampened with mineral spirits. Do not use harsh solvents. Follow with clean water rinse.
- While the adhesive is still wet: Clean all tools and adhesive spills with a white cloth dampened with water and mild detergent.
- Keep all foot traffic off the new floor for **12 hours**.
- Keep all furniture, fixtures and rolling traffic off the new floor for **48 hours**.
- Use plywood, or other hard protective materials, when moving heavy objects over the new floor.
- Do not slide or drag pallets or heavy equipment across the new floor.
- Wait **72 hours** (3 days) before wet-washing the new floor. This will allow the adhesive to cure.
- Follow the current maintenance procedures found at [www.rikett.net](http://www.rikett.net) or call Tech. Support at (855-745-3887).

### *Newly Installed Floor Care*

- Sweep and/or dust mop the floor thoroughly to remove all dirt and grit. Do not use treated mops or compounds.
- Damp mop or auto scrub using a medium to heavy dilution pH neutral floor cleaner using a **new red pad**. Follow label instructions on floor cleaner.
- Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water. Allow to dry completely.
- **RQT is made with a commercial grade polyurethane surface layer and does not require floor finish.** However, if seam sealing is desired or a hi-gloss appearance is preferred, you may apply 2 medium coats of suggested floor finish using a new applicator mop. Allow each coat to dry before applying a new coat. Follow floor finish label instructions for stripping and application.
- You may maintain RQT with a suggested all-in-one Cleaner/Maintainer or Cleaner/Restorer, which can be mixed with water and mopped or mixed into an auto-scrubber's tank. Follow manufacturer's instructions for use.

### *Daily Maintenance*

- Daily sweep and/or dust mop the floor to remove dirt & grit. Do not use treated mops or compounds.
- Damp mop or auto scrub the floor using a pH neutral floor cleaner. Follow floor cleaner label instructions.
- Scuff removal: use a **red pad** to remove marks. Follow machinery manufacturer's use instructions.

### *Low-Speed Spray Buffing using 175 rpm machine*

- Sweep and/or dust mop to remove dirt and grit. Do not use treated mops or compounds.
- Damp mop or auto scrub the floor with a **red spray buff pad**.
- Spray a light mist of **buffing solution** to a small area and buff finish with the **red spray buff pad**. Follow floor finish label instructions. Follow manufacturer's machinery use instructions.

### *Optional Coating Procedure*

- Sweep and/or dust mop the floor to remove dirt & grit. Do not use treated mops.
- Scrub the floor using suggested stripper and a 175 rpm machine or auto scrubber using a **new green pad**.
- Pick up solution with wet-dry vacuum or auto scrubber. Follow manufacturer's machinery use instructions.
- Rinse floor well with clean water and let fully dry.
- Recoat with 2 coats of floor finish. Allow the each coat to dry before applying a new coat. Follow instructions.



## Suggested Maintenance Materials

### Neutral Cleaners:

- Spartan Chemical Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner
- Diversey Stride
- Profi Floor Cleaner/Degreaser
- Hilway Direct Neutral Cleaner Concentrate,

### Cleaner Maintainers / Cleaner Restorers:

- Hilway Direct PLUS Cleaner-Maintainer
- Taski Wiwax

### Floor Finish (if needed, not required):

- Spartan Chemical Green Solutions Floor Seal & Finish
- Diversey, Diversey/Taski, Diversey/Butcher
  - Time Saver®
  - Carefree™ Matte
  - Carefree™ Gloss
  - Complete
- Hilway Direct PRIMO HP

### Cleaning Pads:

- 3M Red Pad or equal
- 3M White Pad or equal

### Floor Strippers (if needed, not required):

- Spartan Chemicals Green Solutions Floor Finish Remover
- Diversey Freedom® SC Stripper
- 3M Green Pad

### Floor Sealers (if needed, not required):

- Diversey Over and Under™ Sealer

### Spray Buff Products (if needed, not required):

- Diversey Raindance™ (175 RPM Machines)
- 3M Red Pad

### Polyurethane Coatings Manufacturers:

- NeverStrip
  - Vinyl Seal (No stripping required)
  - Polyurethane Coatings – consult manufacturer for best results [www.neverstrip.com](http://www.neverstrip.com)
- Dr. Schutz Floor Products
  - consult manufacturer for best results [www.1877FloorGuy.com](http://www.1877FloorGuy.com)

### For further recommendations on cleaners and finishes, please visit:

- FLOORGUY - 877- FLOORGUY, [www.1877floorguy.com](http://www.1877floorguy.com)
- Diversey - 888.352.2249, [taskibydiverse.com](http://taskibydiverse.com)



***Recommended Best Practices for the Optimal Performance of Rikett Quartz Tile:***

- Sweeping with a soft bristled broom, vacuuming, (with no metal beater bar), and dust mopping – This measure alone will add years to a floor’s life. Once a system is in place that effectively removes dirt and debris, it is easy to develop an ongoing routine. Frequency will depend on a building’s location, amount of foot traffic and equipment. Clean dust mop heads after each use. Replace vacuum bags as needed. Replace worn or broken parts or tools.
- Primary/Secondary matting should be just outside and just inside the entrance. Mats are ideal for heavy soil, water removal and provide slip resistance. Walked in dirt and moisture can be kept out while reducing maintenance. Vacuum often. Exterior mats may be power washed periodically to remove heavy saturation of soil, dirt and debris.
- Anti-microbial safety mats absorb spills in wet areas such as restrooms, water fountains and locker rooms reducing slip and fall incidents and, in some cases, improving hygiene. For indoor use only. Anti-microbial Safety mats are often inexpensive and disposable.
- **Use Floor Protectors on Furniture and Equipment – Furniture and equipment glides, wheels and casters specifically designed for use on resilient flooring are required.** Those designed for carpet should not be used.
- Exposed metal glides, metal wheels or casters or broken legs or damaged glides may scratch and cause damage to a resilient floor surface. These items should be repaired or replaced with those specifically designed for hard surface flooring. Rikett’s product warranty does not cover scratching or damage caused by furniture or equipment using the wrong, broken or unprotected glides, casters, feet/bases.
- Soft, self-adhering felt protectors applied to furniture or equipment glides, feet or legs on a hard surface floor prevent scratches, gouges and cuts caused by furniture, chair and table movement. Felt pad protectors applied to the feet/base of furniture and equipment is an inexpensive way to extend a floor’s life.
- Routinely clean felt pads with a stiff brush or vacuum attachment. Replace every 3-6 months.
- Slip On/Slip Over floor protectors are also recommended for use on furniture and equipment feet/bases, glides. Replace as needed.
- Furniture moving aids provide protection to flooring surfaces against heavy items that would otherwise drag on the floor and against heavy carts with hard casters during moves. Most solutions are inexpensive, long lasting, reusable and reduce human strain.

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