



**OIL AND GREASE  
RESISTANT  
RUBBER TILE**

Maintenance Instructions

**Johnsonite®**

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**Post Installation / Initial Cleaning**

**Job site conditions will cause grit and dirt to accumulate. Initial cleaning must not be performed until 72 hours after installation. However, it is necessary the floor be swept and protected until maintenance begins.**

1. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit.
  2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
  3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufactures label instructions.
  4. Apply the cleaning solution with a nylon or rayon mop.
  5. Let the cleaning solution dwell for 5 to 15 minutes (dwell time is based on soil conditions of the floor). **IMPORTANT** – Do not allow the solution to dry.
  6. Scrub the flooring using a single disc rotary machine (175 – 350 RPM) equipped with a 22 to 28 gauge nylon bristle brush. In small areas, use deck brush attached to a handle.
  7. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
  8. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
  9. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
- NOTE:** The cleaning process may need to be repeated on heavily soiled floors.

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**Preventive Care**

1. An effective barrier matting system should be installed at all entrances to reduce cleaning costs and extend the life of the floor.
2. Protect the flooring from damage by using good quality protective feet and casters for chairs, tables, and other furniture using products designed for resilient floors. Caster or wheel damage can be avoided with the use of chair pads.
3. Do not use steel wool, strong solvents (Lestoil, Top Job, etc. and similar products), gasoline, turpentine, and acetone.
4. Sweeping compounds or mops treated with petroleum solvents, silicone compounds or loose abrasives can damage the flooring.
5. Coatings such as shellac, lacquer, varnish, and paste wax or those containing aromatic solvents are not recommended.
6. Some disinfectants and insecticide sprays contain oil or solvents which may settle on the floor in sufficient quantity to discolor, cause slipperiness, and harm the floor covering.

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**Routine / Daily Cleaning**

**It is very important to clean the flooring at a frequency consistent with the amount and type of traffic and soil conditions. Daily cleaning is recommended.**

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2. Prepare a cleaning solution using one of the recommended pH neutral cleaners identified on the reference chart below.
3. The dilution ratio depends on light to heavy soil conditions. Follow the manufactures label instructions.
4. Damp mop the cleaning solution onto the floor with a nylon or rayon mop, or utilize an auto scrubber equipped with a 22 to 28 gauge nylon bristle brush. Check the manufactures label instructions for proper use.
5. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
6. Remove minor stains and scuffs in conjunction with the damp mopping. Use a white or red pad if required.

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**Periodic / Deep Cleaning**

**When Routine / Daily Cleaning no longer provides adequate results, a more aggressive deep cleaning is required to thoroughly clean the floor.**

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  7. Remove the cleaning solution using a wet vacuum or a mop.
  8. Rinse the floor thoroughly with clean water.
  9. Allow the flooring to dry completely.
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## Maintenance Product Reference Chart

**NOTE: Always follow the manufactures label for proper mixing ratios and use**

	Initial Cleaning	Daily Cleaning	Deep Cleaning
Diversey www.diversey.com 1-800-558-2332	Profi	Profi	Profi
	Prominence	Prominence	Prominence
Certified Green Products	Profi	Stride	Stride
Spartan Chemical www.spartanchemical.com 1-800-537-8990	TriBase	TriBase	TriBase
Certified Green Products	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner	Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner	Green Solutions Industrial Cleaner
XL North www.xlnorth.com 1-888-530-2259	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner	XL APC All Purpose Cleaner

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