



**ASPECTA™**  
A NEW DIMENSION IN FLOORING

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

### ASPECTA DRYBACK – GENERAL CARE & MAINTENANCE

Aspecta dryback flooring is manufactured with a high-performance coating, which provides improved maintenance characteristics and options for end-users. All floor coverings require some care to look their best, and many problems can be prevented before they occur. The area of usage, type of traffic, and frequency of traffic on the floor will determine the type and frequency of maintenance needed. Proper care and maintenance are an essential part of keeping your Aspecta flooring attractive and safe. These guidelines will help to maintain the appearance of and extend the life of your Aspecta flooring.

#### FLOOR-CARE BEST PRACTICES

- Sweep or vacuum daily; use only vacuums without beater bars.
- Protect the floor from tracked-in dirt and grit particles by using walk-off mats at all outside entrances.
- Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats, as certain rubber compounds can permanently stain vinyl.
- In order to prevent indentations and scratches, provide glass, plastic, felt, or other non-staining cups with flat under-surfaces not less than 2" wide for the legs of heavy furniture or appliances. Equip swiveled-type office chairs and other rolling furniture with broad-surface, non-staining casters at least 2" in diameter. Remove small diameter buttons from the legs of straight chairs and replace with metal or felt glides that have bearing surfaces no less than 1" in diameter.
- Always use the proper equipment... such as the accessories sold at <http://www.1877floorguy.com/flpr.html> (independent website)... to protect the flooring from damage that could be caused by the moving of heavy fixtures or appliances.
- Never use anything coarser than 3M-equivalent red cleaning pads or brushes on Aspecta resilient flooring (see Maintenance Procedures section).
- Protect your floor against burns. Burns from the glowing end of cigarettes, matches, or other extremely hot items can damage Aspecta floors.
- Do not flood floor or subject to frequent standing water.
- Only use Prevail cleaning products, as they are designed for Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) floors with urethane coatings.
- All Aspecta floors have good resistance to stains and are not affected by most common spills. However, any spill should be cleaned up immediately. The longer the spilled materials are left on the floor, the greater the risk of permanently staining the floor. For information regarding the proper method or solution to use on a specific stain, contact Aspecta Customer Service toll-free at 855-400-SPEC (7732).
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. The use of drapes or blinds is recommended during peak sunlight hours. Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight can result in discoloration, and excessive temperatures might cause tiles or planks to expand.

**Notes: Stain Removal** – To remove stubborn spots and stains from Aspecta floors, always begin with mild cleaners, such as Prevail 1-Step Neutral Cleaner. If such cleaners fail to remove the spots and stains, and "if permitted," use mineral spirits. Do not use harsh solvents, such as lacquer thinner or straight acetone, as these can permanently soften and damage the vinyl surface.

For stubborn spots and stains (such as paints, permanent markers, and dyes), and "if permitted," try applying fingernail polish remover containing acetone (do not use straight acetone) to a soft cloth and rubbing across the affected areas. Subsequent to this cleaning procedure for stubborn spots and stains, please clean the affected area with clear water to remove any residue. Any damage resulting from the use of pure solvents IS NOT covered by the Aspecta Warranty. Always test stronger cleaning agents on sample pieces or in unnoticeable areas, first.

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.

### MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

**Safety:** When performing wet maintenance, always use proper signage and prohibit traffic until the floor is completely dry. Always use caution and follow electrical equipment manufacturer's safety instructions.

#### NO-POLISHING/NO-BUFFING MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

##### Initial Maintenance for a Newly Installed floor

1. Allow the adhesive to cure for at least 48 hours prior to wet-cleaning the floor.
2. Thoroughly sweep, dust-mop, or vacuum (without beater bar assembly) the floor to remove all loose dirt, dust, grit, and debris.
3. Remove any dried adhesive-residue from the surface with Prevail 1-Step Neutral Cleaner, or with mineral spirits applied to a clean, lint-free cloth. Do not allow excessive amounts of solvent to sit on the vinyl or to penetrate the joints of the flooring. **NEVER APPLY SOLVENT DIRECTLY TO FLOORING.**
4. Damp-mop the floor using Prevail 1-Step Neutral Cleaner.
5. If necessary, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (175 rpm or less) with Prevail 1-Step Neutral Cleaner, using the proper dilution ratio and the appropriate scrubbing brush or pad. Fit the buffer with a 3M-equivalent red or white scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor.
6. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or with a clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely.

#### DAILY/ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

1. Clean entryway walk-off mats to remove dirt, grit, sand and other contaminants from being tracked onto the floor (as needed).
2. Thoroughly sweep, dust-mop, or vacuum (without beater bar assembly) the floor to remove all loose dirt, dust, grit, and debris that can stick to and damage the surface of the floor.
3. Spills should be cleaned up immediately. Spot-clean using Prevail 1-Step Neutral Cleaner and micro fiber or preferred mop.
4. Damp-mop the floor on a regular (recommended - daily) basis using Prevail 1-Step Neutral Cleaner.

#### PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

1. When necessary, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine (175 rpm or less) with Prevail 1-Step 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.
2. Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove the dirty residue with a wet-vacuum or with a clean mop and allow the floor to dry completely.

#### OPERATING ROOMS

DO NOT USE PHENOLIC DISINFECTANTS ON ANY FLOOR.

#### AUTOMATIC SCRUBBERS

Automatic scrubbers come in walk-behind and ride-on styles with some being compact for hard-to-reach areas around equipment or fixed seating. Auto Scrubbers are efficient, safe and cost effective delivering substantial time savings compared to the mop and bucket method of floor maintenance.

For further information, inquiries and troubleshooting please contact: Aspecta Customer Service Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST at (855) 400-7732 or visit our website at [www.aspecta flooring.com](http://www.aspecta flooring.com).