

How to clean a Harlequin vinyl floor that has or will be dressed with emulsion

Most Harlequin vinyl floors can be dressed with an acrylic emulsion (Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing) and a protective coating (Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer) to provide added longevity and protection for your floor.

These products are generally used by those with a floor intended for multi-purpose use or a floor that's more aggressively used e.g. for tap, Irish, flamenco, etc. They are not normally used on floors that are used purely for contemporary dance and ballet, as they add a film which can affect the slip resistance of the vinyl. However, the decision is really one of preference.

PLEASE NOTE: The following products are NOT suitable for use on Harlequin Fiesta, Harlequin Hi-Shine or Harlequin Showfloor.

BRAND NEW FLOORS ONLY - INITIAL APPLICATION

Once your Harlequin floor has been installed or taped down, clean it with *Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner*. When your floor is dry, coat it with *Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing*. Your floor is now ready for use.

ROUTINE/REGULAR CLEANING - USED FLOORS

Once you have followed the 'Brand new floors only - initial application' instructions above and have used your floor, you can continue to care for and maintain your Harlequin vinyl floor by using *Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer* as your regular cleaner. How often you choose to clean your floor will depend upon its usage and level of soil. For example, if you hold dance classes every day then you may wish to clean your floor on a daily basis. If you only use it once a week then you may wish to clean it once a month.

DRESSING REMOVAL (ANNUAL/BI-ANNUAL CLEANING)

Because layers of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer will build-up over time, they will need to be removed by *Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover*. We recommend that this is undertaken once or twice a year, e.g. at the beginning of term. Once completed, you should follow the 'Used floors only - initial application' instructions below.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended that Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover only be used when removing the build-up of *Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing* and *Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer*, although we have found that it can be used effectively as a separate deep cleaner to clean EXTREMELY dirty floors.

USED FLOORS ONLY - INITIAL APPLICATION

After completing the dressing removal stage (above), coat your DRY floor with *Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing*. Your floor is now ready for use and once used, you can continue to regularly clean your Harlequin floor by following the 'Routine/regular cleaning instructions' above.

REMOVING STUBBORN MARKS

Common marks which are difficult to remove are shoe scuffs and heel marks. If the *Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner* is not effective on individual stubborn marks, it may be possible to remove these with methylated spirit on a dry cloth. Ensure that any residue is removed with clean water and then dry the floor. Your Harlequin floor will be damaged if you use strong solvents such as petrol or acetone. Do check with us first if you're not sure!

USE OF COMMERCIAL BUFFERS/STRIPPERS

Mechanical cleaners can be used, although Harlequin does not recommend a particular make. Nylon pads are graded by colour, with the darker the colour the rougher the pad. It is recommended that red be the most abrasive pad used on the vinyl. It is also important to never use the machine dry, otherwise heat will build up and damage the vinyl.

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

These are available for all Harlequin cleaning liquids and can be downloaded from our website. Alternatively, contact our sales team.

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