

CARE & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HARLEQUIN PRINTED VINYL FLOORS

Please note that these instructions apply to Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floors only. All other Harlequin Vinyl Floors are covered by a separate instruction sheet.

The recommended maintenance instructions must be followed to ensure that the Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floor retains its appearance and performance characteristics. Failure to do so may invalidate the guarantee. If in doubt, please contact your Harlequin Technical Advisor on the number above.

PRINTED FLOORS FOR DANCE OR PERFORMANCE USE

Entrance matting

Where possible, outdoor shoes should be removed (or overshoes put on) before walking on the vinyl floor.

For situations where this is impractical, the first line of defence is to have effective barrier mats at the entrance to the room. An effective matting will significantly reduce the amount of wet and dry soiling being carried on the underside of footwear.

The length of the matting should be at least 2 to 3 footfalls, and it should be regularly vacuumed and cleaned. Limiting foot borne contamination will make your daily maintenance regime considerably easier.

Initial maintenance for new installations

Sweep the Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floor with a soft broom or dust control mop to remove any loose dirt, debris and dust.

Damp mop the floor using a diluted solution of **Harlequin Vinyl Daily Cleaner** in the ratio of 1:25 (200 ml of Vinyl Daily Floor Cleaner in 5 litres of clean warm water).

Rinse with plenty of clean water and allow the floor to dry, before use.

Daily maintenance

Sweep the Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floor with a soft broom or dust control mop to remove any loose dirt, debris and dust.

Damp mop the floor using a diluted solution of **Harlequin Vinyl Daily Cleaner** in the ratio of 1:50 (100 ml of Daily Floor Cleaner in 5 litres of clean warm water).

Rinse with plenty of clean water and allow the floor to thoroughly dry before use.

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Floor care best practice

The frequency of cleaning and type of maintenance required is dependent on the frequency of use and the degree of soiling. However, daily cleaning will be more effective, and the floor will retain its performance characteristics longer, if a regular 'deep clean' is undertaken as described above.

Always use Harlequin cleaning products to the dilution rates recommended. Improper use, or use of incorrect products, can have an adverse effect on the floor and may invalidate the guarantee.

Abrasive powders or creams, strong solvents such as Acetone or highly alkaline solutions should not be used, they will result in irreversible damage.

Do not use dust control mops that are impregnated with oils.

Avoid contact with sharp edges or points. Ensure that any furniture placed on the floor has feet that will not damage the floor. Take care when moving heavy objects such as stage equipment, dragging anything with sharp edges can scratch the floor. The use of spreader boards is recommended.

Do not walk on the floor in Stiletto heels, as these will damage the floor.

Tap dancing in shoes with loose screws will damage any floor, inspect tap shoes carefully before use. Note that tap dancing is not recommended on some Harlequin floors, if you are unsure please see our website or contact us for more details.

PRINTED FLOORS FOR HIGH TRAFFIC OR COMMERCIAL USE

If your Harlequin Printed Floor is to be used in high traffic areas or commercial applications, we recommend the use of Harlequin Vinyl Dressing. It will provide a durable protective coating to your floor, so prolonging the life of the printed surface. **Harlequin Vinyl Dressing** is not recommended for dance floors.

Note that Harlequin Clarity is reverse printed and can be cleaned as a standard vinyl floor. For Harlequin Clarity please see 'Care and maintenance instructions for Harlequin Vinyl Floors'.

Application of the Harlequin Vinyl Dressing

Using a lamb's wool paint roller brush, apply two thin coats of **Harlequin Vinyl Dressing**, allowing around 30 to 40 minutes for the first coat to dry completely before applying the second. Apply the second coat at right angles to the first.

The dressing is not permanent and will gradually wear with use. The rate wear will be dependent on the type and intensity of footfall.





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Periodic machine clean

Note that only floors that have been treated with **Harlequin Vinyl Dressing** should be machine cleaned. Machine cleaning an untreated printed floor is likely to damage the printed surface.

Approximately once every 6 weeks, depending on the degree of soiling, clean the Harlequin Vinyl Floor with a rotary scrubbing machine fitted with soft brushes. Pads should not be used as they may damage the printed surface. The ideal speed for the cleaning machine is 300 rpm. High speed buffing machines are not recommended.

If a scrubbing machine is not available, a mop may be used for manual cleaning.

Use **Harlequin Vinyl Cleaner** diluted to a ratio of 1:50 (100 ml of Vinyl Daily Floor Cleaner to 5 litres of clean warm water).

Rinse with plenty of clean water and allow the floor to dry, before use.

Reapplying the Harlequin Vinyl Dressing

At any sign of wear in surface coating, or once a month whichever is sooner, re apply the **Harlequin Vinyl Dressing**, following the instructions for application above.

Before the application of the dressing, make sure the floor has been thoroughly cleaned with **Harlequin Vinyl Daily Cleaner** and allowed to dry.

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