

# FLOOR AND WALL TILES MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING SUGGESTIONS

## FLOOR TILE MAINTENANCE

With daily attention, a leather floor will retain its appearance and color much longer, though it will continue to change and evolve naturally throughout its lifespan.

Sweep daily using a broom with soft bristles (we recommend Swiffer), as grit and large dust particles underfoot can become embedded into the floor surface. Pay particular attention to entrance areas and underneath tables and chairs.

Do not mop a leather floor. Water and detergents will dry out the leather and it will lose its luster.

## SPILLS

When foods or drinks are spilled onto the floor, clean immediately. Liquids and oils left on the floor will be absorbed and permanently stain the floor. Simply blot with a soft, clean, very lightly dampened cloth. Do not rub.

## SCRATCHES AND VARIATIONS

When the first scratches appear on the floor, they will be more noticeable than the ones that will develop throughout the life of the floor. With an embossed floor, they will be less obvious than those on a smooth floor.

For deep scratches and marks, we recommend a touch of good quality shoe polish (such as Meltonian Shoe Polish) in the same coloring as the floor, applied directly to the area. Colored polish can be mixed into the wax to revive a lackluster floor.

An embossed leather floor may lose some of its texture and dye on the tips of the embossing where traffic flows more heavily. This variance may become noticeable early on. Table and chair legs will mark the floor.

## WAXING

After the floor has been waxed and buffed two or three times thoroughly, it will thrive under moderate use. The correct amount of waxing and buffing for a particular floor largely depends on the usage. This should be assessed by the user in the first few months after installation. For example, in a hotel environment, twice a month could be ideal.

If maintained with waxing, the wax will act as a temporary barrier. A regularly-waxed floor will be more resilient than a floor that has only been waxed on installation. However, over-waxing can create an unnecessary buildup of wax, so it's important to be aware of the right frequency for your setting.

## FLOOR TILE CLEANING

- Do NOT wear shoes during this process.
- Sweep entire floor with a soft broom (we recommend Swiffer).
- Using a professional floor buffing machine, buff entire floor. The machine will come with either horsehair or synthetic buffer. Use ONLY horsehair or other natural fiber buffing brush. This step helps even out the wax.
- Sweep entire floor again with a soft broom.
- Begin waxing (Butcher's Wax) floor in small sections, approximately four to five square feet, by hand with a cotton cloth. As you wax a section, buff it with the horsehair buffer, then continue to next section. Repeat until floor is completed.
- Using a 3M 4100 White Super Polish buffing pad, buff the entire floor again. Repeat.
- Optional: For extra shine, put a terry cloth towel under the buffer and go over the area one more time.
- Since wax is wet, wait 24 hours before walking on the floor.

## WALL TILE CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- Dust your leather wall as often as necessary.
- Waxing should only be needed about once a year, depending on location. Apply wax (Butcher's Wax) by hand using a cotton cloth, in four to five foot sections.
- Using a hand-held buffer and a terry cloth bonnet, buff each section after waxing.
- For initial waxing only, not maintenance, repeat waxing and buffering by changing the bonnet to lamb's wool and buff entire wall again.
- For spills and scratches, please see sections under Floor Tile Maintenance.

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