

FLOOR & WALL TILES MAINTENANCE & CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL GUIDE

A leather floor with daily attention will keep its appearance and color much longer.

The leather floor will change and keep changing throughout its life.

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

Sweep daily using a broom with soft bristles 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.

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

When food/drink is spilled onto the floor, clean immediately. Liquids and oils left on the floor will be absorbed and permanently stain the floor. Use a clean cloth to absorb the spillage. If waxing maintenance is a normal occurrence, this will act as a temporary barrier. A regularly waxed floor will be more resilient than a floor that has only been waxed on installation.

Caution: over-waxing can create an unnecessary build-up of wax

MAINTENANCE

As needed.

After the floor has been waxed and buffed two or three times thoroughly, a floor like this will thrive in an environment of moderate use. The correct amount of waxing and buffing for a particular floor largely depends on the usage. This is to be assessed by the user in the first few months after installation (in a hotel environment, e.g. twice a month).

Dust with a soft broom (we recommend Swifter) as necessary. If something spills, simply blot with a soft, very lightly dampened cloth. Do not rub.

FLOOR TILE CLEANING

1-2 times annually

Do NOT wear shoes during this process.

Sweep entire floor with soft broom (we recommend a Swifter). Using a professional floor buffing machine, buff entire floor with ONLY horsehair, or natural fiber buffing brush. The machine will come with either horsehair or synthetic buffer. Use ONLY horsehair. This step helps to even out the wax.

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Begin waxing (Butcher's Wax) floor in small sections, approximately 4-5 square feet by hand with a cotton cloth. As you wax a section, buff it with the horsehair buffer. Then continue to next section. Wax and buff.

Repeat until floor is completed.

Using a 3M 4100 White Super Polish buffing pad, buff the entire floor. Repeat.

Optional: For extra shine, put a terry cloth towel under the buffer and go over the area one more time.

Wax is wet, wait 24 hours before walking on the floor.

WALL TILE CLEANING

Dust the leather wall as often as deemed necessary. Waxing should only be necessary about once a year, depending upon location.

Apply wax (Butcher's Wax) by hand using a cotton cloth, in 4 foot sections.

Using a hand-held buffer and a terry cloth bonnet, buff each section after waxing.

Repeat waxing and buffering only for initial waxing, not maintenance. Change bonnet to lamb's wool and buff entire wall again.

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