

This document and guidelines will help to maintain the appearance of and extend the life of your MOTO flooring.

Regular and well-planned maintenance programs protect the floor by reducing wear, preserves the floor's attractive appearance and ultimately increases its service life.

## SAFETY

Use standard maintenance industry safety practices and precautions whenever performing maintenance procedures. Be sure to use approved PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) per the cleaning product SDS and ensure all maintenance procedures are conducted per the cleaning products instructions. The use of Caution Tape and/or Wet Floor Signs is recommended to prevent slips and falls.

## POST INSTALLATION CHECKLIST

Prior to initial maintenance, sweep the floor and cover with an appropriate protective product, such as Masonite or equivalent, to prevent scuffing and scratching that may not come out during the installation and/or maintenance procedures.

Always use untreated, new or thoroughly cleaned mops and pads when conducting daily or routine maintenance.

**DO NOT** use vacuums that have a beater bar or electric brooms with hard plastic bottoms or no padding, as this may cause discoloration, scratching and loss of sheen.

**DO NOT** use highly alkaline, acidic cleaners or use detergents, aggressive strippers, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" type products (such as Bleach, Pine-Sol, Clorox Soft Scrub, Mop & Glo, Mr. Clean, Murphy's Oil Soap and similar, unapproved cleaners), as they will dull the finish and sheen of the flooring material. Always test stronger cleaning agents on sample pieces or in unnoticeable areas first.

**DO NOT** use Mineral Spirits, Kerosene, Gasoline, Naphtha and/or other solvents to clean MOTO products.

**DO NOT** allow excess amounts of water to sit on floor for extended periods of time.

**IMPORTANT** Always dispose of cleaning chemicals correctly according to local and state requirements.

## DAILY / ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Ensure that adhesive has cured for the period (minimum 72 hours) recommended by the adhesive manufactures instructions prior to conducting initial maintenance.

The single greatest cause of damage to any flooring or floor finish is abrasion from dirt and grit. Most of this dirt entering any building comes in on people's footwear at entrances with entryway walk-off mats a must. Weather, traffic and geographical location will influence the required frequency of maintenance.

Clean entryway walk-off mats to remove dirt, grit, sand and other contaminants from being tracked onto the floor. Spills should be cleaned up immediately.  
Thoroughly sweep or dust mop and vacuum flooring (without beater bar assembly) to remove any dirt, dust or debris.

Damp-mop the floor on a regular basis, depending upon traffic and soil levels in the area. Using [Ecolab Cleaning Products](#) or [Hilway Direct "Neutral Cleaner"](#) (independent websites). Follow product application instructions and cleaning directions.

## PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

When necessary, scrub the floor using an auto scrubber or rotary machine on low RPM's (175-300 rpm) with Ecolab QC 31 "Neutral Cleaner" or Hilway Direct "Neutral Cleaner", using the proper dilution ratio. Fit the machine with a 3M-equivalent red scrubbing pad and work the solution over the floor.

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 before allowing foot traffic.

Never use a brush or pad more aggressive than a 3M red equivalent. White, Blue, Green, Brown and Black pads will damage the surface of the floor.

Web link to [3M Red Buffer Pad 5100](#) (independent website).

## MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

MOTO is a low maintenance product that is protected by a finish coating that does not require an additional floor finish, commonly called a "wax". Though this layer greatly improves the durability of the product, daily and routine maintenance must be performed to maintain the appearance of the product.

However, over time floors may begin to lose their luster, especially in high traffic areas and may require an application of a finish.

Inhaus recommends a Hilway floor finish: Matte, Plus Matte or Primo HP for best overall performance. Follow Hilway application instructions and daily cleaning directions. [Hilway Direct "Finishes"](#) (independent website).

## FLOORING PROTECTION

It is important to protect the floor during the installation and construction phase.

Protect newly installed flooring with construction grade paper (undyed kraft paper) or protective hardboards (plywood), to protect flooring from damage by other trades.

Do not slide or drag pallets or heavy equipment across the new flooring. Limit usage and foot traffic according to the adhesive's manufacturers recommended time period.

Do not wet wash the floor for at least 6 days after installation. This is to prevent excess moisture from interfering with the adhesive bond. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, protect flooring from scuffing and tearing using temporary floor protection.

Controlling grit and soil is crucial to prolonging the attractive appearance of any floor. Grit or soil is any material-including dirt, stones, sand and clay-that is deposited onto the floor by normal commercial traffic. The best way to control grit is by using appropriate walk-off mats placed at entrances. Ensure mats are manufactured with non-staining backs to prevent discoloration. Mats are available at [Door Mats](#) (independent website)

## FLOORING PROTECTORS

Proper selection and care of furniture rests are important in the maintenance and appearance retention of floor coverings. Remove small diameter buttons from the legs of chairs/furniture and replace with appropriate protector or felt glides that have bearing surfaces no less than 1" (25mm) in diameter.

Equip swiveled-type office chairs and other rolling furniture with broad-surface, non-staining casters at least 2" (50mm) in diameter. All rolling chairs or seating must have a resilient flooring chair pad installed over the finished floor to protect floor covering.

All fixed furniture legs must have permanent felt or soft rubber floor protectors installed on all contact points to reduce indentation. Furniture, appliances, equipment, should be properly leveled first. The contact areas (legs) should be large enough to distribute the load evenly without damaging the floor and be smooth and flat, and free from surface irregularities etc.

Floor protectors must have a flat contact point of at least 1" in (25mm) width and must cover the entire bottom surface of the furniture leg.

Ensure all furniture castors and chair legs and are clean and free of any and all dirt and debris. Routinely clean chair castors and furniture legs to ensure that dirt or debris has not built up or become embedded in castors or floor protectors. Replace chair castors and floor protectors at regular intervals, especially if they become damaged or heavily soiled.

Accessories are available at [Floor Protectors](#) (independent website)

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