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# WINTON TILE

Presents Luxury Vinyl Plank

*Luxury Vinyl Flooring that captures the look of real wood planks,  
with the value and ease of maintenance and installation of vinyl.*

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## MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

### **MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS:**

**BASIC CLEANING:** Once all traces of adhesive have been removed, and adhesive has had a chance to dry, at least 24 hours, the floor should be dry vacuumed to remove all dust and loose debris, then wiped with a neutral cleanser, using a damp mop, diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. After 5-10 minutes, all dirt and residue of the cleaning agent should be removed; the floor should be rinsed with a damp mop and allowed to dry. Always remove excess water. It not only can cause slip and fall hazards, but on unwelded plank floors, the water can attack the adhesive, break the bond, and cause the flooring to release from the substrate. Do not use soap-based detergents, caustic cleaners or abrasive cleaners.

**FLOORING PROTECTION:** For most Residential applications where there is low volume of traffic, the care of this luxury vinyl is simple and easy. A minimal amount of floor protection is required. In area's that get more traffic and for light commercial applications then a protection regimen is needed. For a commercial application then this protection and maintenance is necessary and required. In order to protect your vinyl floor against dirt and long-term damage, it should be sealed. This is particularly important for area's exposed to moisture, and in commercial applications. Following manufacturer's instructions, apply a thin film of sealant recommended for pvc and vinyl flooring and allow it to dry. This normally takes approximately thirty minutes, depending on the ambient conditions in the rooms to be sealed and the properties of the sealant itself. When the first coat is dry, apply a second coat at right angles to the first. In normal use, the sealant should be removed and a fresh coat applied approximately every 6 months. However, this maintenance schedule is dependant upon the amount of traffic and wear the floor endures. To avoid possible permanent indentation or damage, proper floor protection devices must be used under furniture and appliances. Exercise care when removing and replacing furniture or appliances.

### **INTENSIVE CLEANING: COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS**

Sweep, mop or dry vacuum the floor to remove dust, grit and debris. For light soiling, damp mop the floor with a neutral pH cleanser diluted to the manufacturer's instructions. For heavy soiling, apply a solution of alkaline cleanser (diluted to the manufacturer's instructions) to the floor, and leave for sufficient time to react with the soiling. Using a 165 to 350 rpm rotary machine fitted with a scrubbing pad, machine scrub the floor, and then pick up the slurry with a wet vacuum. Thoroughly rinse the floor with clean warm water, pick up with a wet vacuum, and leave to thoroughly dry.

## ROUTINE MAINTENANCE: COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS

The frequency of each of the operations is dependent upon the type and intensity of traffic. Sweep, mop or dry vacuum to remove dust and loose dirt. Spot mop frequently. Stubborn black marks can be removed by using the center disc of a scrubbing pad and a small amount of undiluted alkaline cleanser. Place the disc under the sole of the shoe and rub - this gives greater pressure. Rinse the area well with clean warm water and allow it to dry. Depending upon the end user's requirement and the equipment available, one of the following methods should be used:

1. Using floor maintainer, diluted to the manufacturer's instructions, mop the floor and leave to dry. If a shine is required, the floor should be buffed with a 500 to 2000 rpm rotary machine fitted with a suitable pad.
2. Using floor maintainer diluted to the manufacturer's instructions, spray a fine mist onto the floor. Using a 165 to 500 rpm rotary machine and suitable spray cleaning pad, buff the floor to the desired shine. The dirt is picked up in the pad, which should be thoroughly cleaned after use. Failure to do so will result in a shiny dirty floor.
3. Using a neutral or germicidal cleanser, diluted to the manufacturer's instructions, mop the floor to the desired level of shine.

## REMOVAL OF FLOOR DRESSING

An unsightly build up of polish should be avoided. The polish should be removed regularly – the interval between applications and removal depends on the wear conditions and the number of polish layers (normally six months in high traffic areas). Apply a solution of emulsion polish stripper (diluted to the manufacturer's instructions) to the floor, and leave for approximately 15 minutes. Machine scrub with a 165 or 350 rpm machine fitted with a green pad or equivalent, and then remove slurry with a wet vacuum. Thoroughly rinse the floor with clean water, pick up with a wet vacuum, and allow it to dry completely. The cycle of polish application and routine maintenance should then be repeated.

## PREVENTIVE MEASURES & TIPS ON CARE

The easiest way to reduce maintenance costs is to reduce the amount of dirt, grit and moisture brought into a building with an effective barrier mat. This should be cleaned regularly. **The use of either rubber-backed mats or coco-fiber mats is not acceptable since they are known to cause yellow stains in vinyl floors.** Never slide heavy furniture or fittings over an unprotected floor or severe scratching may result. The floor should be protected from the wheels or feet of fittings, avoiding rubber products, which may stain. Furniture polish and window cleaning agents should be applied to a cloth to avoid spillage onto the floor. Contact with some agents, such as silicone, will make the floor surface extremely slippery, which may result in accidents. **REGULAR CLEANING IS MORE BENEFICIAL TO THE FLOORCOVERING AND MORE COST EFFECTIVE THAN OCCASIONAL HEAVY CLEANING SPOT PROTECTION AND REMOVAL.** Most domestic agents will not harm the floor, however all residue of cleaning agents should be removed to avoid discoloration. The best protection is sealing, particularly of light colored floors.

*The following substances may cause discoloration:*

1. Tar
2. Nail Polish
3. Varnish
4. Spices
5. Shoe Polish
6. Paints containing acetone
7. Lipstick
8. Solvent-based paints
9. Rubber Mats
10. Coco-Fiber Mats
11. Asphalt
12. Permanent Marker Pens
13. Crayons

#### **ACTION:**

1. Wipe immediately with a paper towel or cloth.
2. Spots, which have already dried, might be removed using a plastic scraper
3. The area should then be washed with diluted cleaning agent using a damp cloth or sponge.
4. Obstinate spots might be removed with a firm nylon sponge.
5. Should the spot still remain, moisten a cloth with white mineral spirits and rub with circular movements over the whole area.
6. Rinse after half an hour and re-seal the area.

NOTE: Only use white mineral spirits in well-ventilated rooms.

#### **POINTS TO NOTE**

1. Regular light maintenance is more cost effective than periodic heavy maintenance and more beneficial to the floor covering.
2. Always sweep, mop or dry vacuum the floor regularly.
3. Always use clean equipment – dirty equipment only redistributes the dirt.
4. Do not mix cleaning products from different manufacturers – they may not be compatible.
5. Always remove any spillage immediately.
6. Always remove excess water.
7. Always take precautions to prevent dark rubber from coming into contact with the floor.
8. Never deviate from the manufacturer's recommended dilution rates.
9. Wet floors are slippery; always use warning signs to advise that cleaning is in progress.

# **SIMPLE INSTALLATION GUIDE FOR WINTON PLANK**

**Application:** The subfloor material and adhesive must be conditioned at room temperature, minimum 65 degrees F for 24 hours before and 24 hours after installation. Spread adhesive with a 1/16"x 1/16"x 1/16" notched trowel (use 1/32"x 1/16" x 1/32" for non-porous applications).

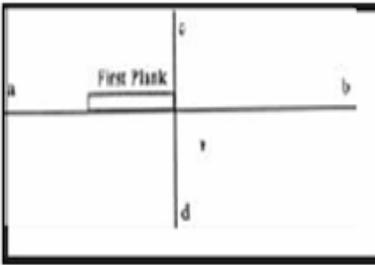
**Adhesive Instructions (All Plank and Tile):** Apply adhesive with specified trowel in a thin, uniform, and even coat. Each section must be no larger than an area that can easily be covered with flooring in approximately 30 minutes. Allow a few minutes 5-10 open time for adhesive to tack up, then install tiles immediately while adhesive is still wet/tacky, before it skins over or dries. Adhesive working time is approximately 30 minutes under normal conditions (70 degrees F, 40% humidity). Position tile firmly in adhesive without sliding and periodically check to assure at least 90% of the adhesive pattern has been transferred to the back of the tile. If adhesive becomes dry and will not transfer to the back of flooring then area must have additional adhesive applied to it. After installing the planks in a section and while the adhesive is still tacky, roll the planks with a 100 lb. three section roller across the length of the installation to flatten adhesive ridges and level the plank seams. After installing the floor in an hour or two re-roll the floor again in the opposite direction.

**Adhesive SP-301:** Approximately 125-150 sq ft. per gallon with a 1/16"x 1/16" x 1/16" notched trowel 200-250 sq ft with a 1/32"x 1/16" x 1/32" Be sure you use an adhesive specifically designed for PVC tile and plank flooring. We have a high quality water based adhesive # SP-301. This can be used on porous and non-porous surfaces and contains no solvents to harm the PVC. We highly recommend SP-301 adhesive. Anyhow, any adhesives used must be for PVC vinyl and contain no solvents. Installing product with wrong adhesive will void the warranty.

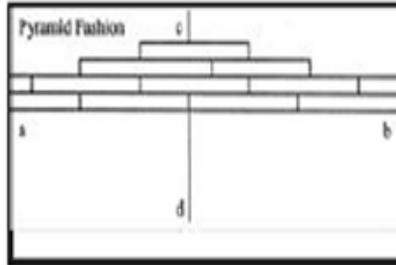
## **Installation of the Planks**

For best results, remove plank from the carton and separate into small piles. This will assure that the planks are acclimatized and will ensure proper adhesion. Plank should always be inspected for any dye lot variations. The Manufacturer will not warrant that different dye lots will match each other. Best results are obtained by installing the plank from the center of the room. Measure and mark at the center of each end wall. Connect these center points with a chalk line. Locate the center and establish a line at a right angle to the existing line (Use a carpenter's square). Spread a small area with adhesive to see how fast it dries using a 1/16" deep x 1/16" wide x 1/16" square-notched trowel ( for non-porous floors) Try not to spread more adhesive than you can lay flooring into before it loses its grabbing strength. Tack time will vary depending upon temperature and humidity. Carefully place the first plank (Figure 1) at the junction of the chalk lines. Continue laying the planks, making sure each one is flush against the chalk line and tight against the adjoining plank. Be sure they are well seated into the adhesive, especially the edges. The planks should be laid in either a pyramid fashion or row by row. (See Figures 2 & 3) Be sure you stagger the joints and don't repeat the patterns too close together. Winton Plank flooring has staggered patterns and cut off the planks at different points to give you a very realistic finish while avoiding the same look and repeat patterns.

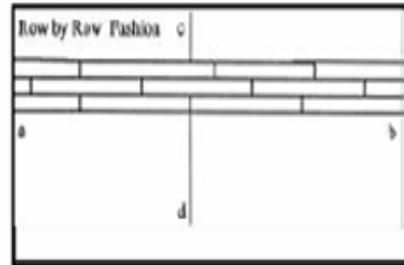
(Figure 1)



(Figure 2)



(Figure 3)



**AFTER INSTALLATION IT IS RECOMMENDED TO PUT ON 3 COATS OF A FLOOR FINISH SUCH AS SC JOHNSONS MATTE EASY CARE. THIS WILL MAKE CLEANUPS MUCH EASIER.**