

# Cleaning and Maintenance

# Esprit Commercial Vinyl

## GENERAL

Evercare™ is the new exclusive GERFLOR patented surface treatment obtained by UV-laser crosslinking. The performance of this treatment offers an optimal floor covering finish throughout the lifetime of the product.

Evercare™ offers the following advantages:

- Protection of the floor covering throughout its lifetime
- No consolidation treatment, wax or wipe on care
- Considerable reduction in cleaning and care costs
- Easy to clean
- Resistance to alcohol-based and colourless hand disinfectants
- Remarkable resistance to chemicals
- Ready for use, no treatment required at product installation
- More environmentally friendly due to lower water and chemical detergent consumption

### Cleaning after Installation / Project Completion

Perform these 3 steps in the following sequence:

- Remove material residue and dust.
- Sweep up or vacuum the dust depending on the amount.
- Clean mechanically using a single-brush machine (160 revolutions) / a scrubber cleaner or a roto-cleaner, using an alkaline detergent and with the blue disk as the maximum setting.

Note: if further work is being carried out after the floor has been installed, clean by following the 3 steps given above and systematically cover the floor covering with protective material. Once the work has been completed, remove the protection and repeat the 3 cleaning operations described above.

### Routine Cleaning (once or twice a day\*)

- Remove any dust and non-adherent dirt with a wet mop or vacuum cleaner.
- Mechanically clean with a red disk using a single-brush machine, scrubber cleaner or rotocleaner; it is recommended to use a non-residue-forming neutral detergent .

### REGULAR CLEANING (once or twice a month\*)

On a regular basis, mechanical cleaning is required with a neutral detergent or an alkaline detergent.

The maximum setting to be used is a red disk.

Shoe marks can be removed by carrying out the following steps:

1. spray an alkaline detergent or shoe mark detergent onto tough stains
2. then wash mechanically with a single-brush machine, scrubber cleaner or roto-cleaner, neutral detergent and red disk
3. Using a polisher (400-600 rpm; white or red disk) gives the material an even better finish.

These guidelines will protect the floor covering finish and the properties of the Evercare surface treatment

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## **Important!**

Some standard practices are no longer applicable on products treated with Evercare™:

- Never apply a metallization treatment to a floor covering sealed with Evercare™
- Never use wax or polishing cleaner on a floor covering sealed with Evercare™

## Preventative Measures

- Mats and runners can be used to collect dirt at entrances. They will protect the floor covering against particles liable to damage it, help to considerably reduce cleaning costs and increase the service life of the floor covering.
- Depending on their chemical composition, surface disinfectants may cause changes in the floor covering colour. You can obtain further information from the manufacturer (never use any disinfectants containing amines).
- We recommend using only the amount of water and detergent that you absolutely need, to prevent any unnecessary environmental emissions.
- Any coloured solvent-based substances such as asphalt, tar, oils, fats, etc. introduced on the soles of shoes are also liable to cause changes in colour. These changes do not affect the quality of our products, but are visually displeasing. These marks can be reduced or even removed by cleaning with diluents of these substances (consult the manufacturer before using any of these substances).
- The oils contained in some types of rubber give rise to brownish colour changes (migration phenomenon). Use "non-marking" or light-coloured, non-colouring, PVC or polyethylene rubbers.
- Some dyes (particularly hair dyes) may also cause indelible stains.
- Rust stains can be removed with oxalic acid.
- Only use furniture and chair rollers in compliance with the standard DIN EN 12529, type W: double swivel rollers.
- Fit any narrow feet on furniture with synthetic pads subject to regular cleaning and replacement. It is important that the surface between the pads and the floor is clean to prevent the appearance of scratching on the floor covering.
- Wound and skin disinfectants containing dyes such as iodine, Chlorhexidine and other substances are liable to produce stains on the floor coverings.
- Extra cleaning or rinsing with water retrieval is sometimes necessary, particularly in the case of light or plain floor coverings.
- Cleaning procedures that are not suitable for the floor covering are liable to cause soiling which may give rise to hygiene problems and potential falls. This may also damage the finish of the floor covering and the properties of the Evercare surface treatment.
- Cleaning and maintenance must be carried out in accordance with approved building care standards.

## Cleaning Products

To avoid any undesirable reaction, we recommend using cleaning products from the same manufacturer. Please follow the detergent manufacturer and supplier instructions closely.

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