

CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE FLOOR MAINTENANCE

To keep the lasting shine and fresh feel of your investment for as long as possible, we recommend that you...

DO

- Wipe up spills as soon as possible.
- Wash your floor occasionally with Tile-Lab Grout and Tile Cleaner® (available at Home Depot) or Kemiko Nutra-Clean® (available from Stonewood Products – 508-432-4195) or an equivalent low-ph cleaner.
- To maintain a polished surface, use Uro Finish® by Colormaker (available at NJV Decorative Concrete Supply, 973-389-2300) or Johnson Wax Carefree Matte Finish (www.johnsondiversey.com,).

DON'T

- Use detergents, abrasive cleaners or "mop and shine" products - they may leave a dull film on your floor.
- Use paste wax or solvent-based polishes.
- Use a beater bar when vacuuming because it can visibly damage the floor surface.
- Use highly abrasive scrubbing tools.

PROACTIVE PROTECTION FOR YOUR FLOOR

- When moving appliances or heavy furniture, lay a plywood panel on your floor and "walk" the item across it. This protects your floor from scuffing and tears.
- Use floor protectors on furniture to reduce indentation. As a general rule of thumb, the heavier the item, the wider the floor protector needed.
- Be careful with rolling casters. They can damage the floor. Therefore, we do not recommend them. If you choose to use them, the double wheel types are the best option.
- Place a walk-off mat at outside entrances to reduce the amount of dirt brought into your home. We do not recommend the use of rubber- or latex-backed mats because the chemical (antioxidant) used to keep the backing from becoming brittle can permanently stain your floor. We suggest a non-staining vinyl-backed mat or a woven rug that is colorfast. Most of these products are identified "colorfast" by the manufacturer.

SCUFF MARK REMOVAL

- Use a Scotchbrite® pad with a little of the low-pH cleaner like Tile Lab Grout and Tile cleaner® or Kemiko Nutra-Clean® and gently scrub the scuff marks away.
- Reapply the finish material as necessary.

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