



## INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

### **Recommendations for the installation and maintenance of Polystyl resilient floors for residential use.**

#### **Installation**

- The floor surface must be smooth, hard, clean and dry before installation. Its humidity level must not exceed 2.5 %, and there must be no traces of paint, varnish, wax, oil, solvents or other foreign substances that could contaminate the floor covering.
- The Polystyl floor covering must be stored in the room where it is to be laid for at least 24 hours beforehand, to allow it to adapt to a temperature of 18°C or more during laying.
- The material must be checked before laying and the supplier must be informed immediately in case of any default.

#### **Installation method**

##### Loose-Laying

Polystyl vinyls are designed to be installed using the 'Loose-Lay method' as detailed in the Australian Standards "Floor coverings-Resilient sheet and Tiles- Installation practices."

#### **Cleaning and maintenance**

##### 1. First use

When the installation is completed, clean the surface of the floor covering with warm water to which a neutral detergent has been added. Never use solvents to remove logos or information printed on the surface of the product as the ink used is water soluble.

## 2. Special instructions for use

All Polystyl resilient floor coverings, including those with a protective surface coating, risk being stained by in-ground dirt if the manufacturer's normal maintenance recommendations are not followed.

- Avoid using waxes or polishing products
- Except for products with TECNIUM surface or TOPTEC surface do not use rubber protectors on the feet of chairs and furniture. Use plastic protectors instead.
- Put rigid floor protectors beneath the feet of heavy pieces of furniture to prevent the formation of permanent indentations.
- Some materials or colorants such as tar, grease, oil, dyes, waxes, ballpoint or marker inks etc. may under certain conditions migrate into the wear layer and cause indelible stains.
- Natural or intense artificial light causes a whitening effect on all floor coverings. This phenomenon becomes visible in comparison to those areas covered by rugs or furniture, which appear yellower. This yellow effect disappears after a few weeks when these areas are once again exposed to light and the whitening effect appears.

## 3. Preliminary measure

The use of a doormat without a rubber backing is recommended for doorways leading to the exterior, in order to protect the surface of the floor covering from grit and abrasive particles brought in on the soles of people's shoes.

## 4. Regular maintenance program

- a. Daily cleaning** : using soft dry broom or vacuum cleaner.
- b. Weekly cleaning** : using neutral detergent in water with fringed mop or floor cloth.

## 5. Periodic maintenance

For grained or textured surfaces a manual or mechanical in-depth cleaning is recommended at suitable intervals, using a neutral detergent in water and a nylon brush. After brushing eliminate the dirty water using a floor scraper, rinse with clean water, remove the surface water and dry with a floor cloth.