

General care and maintenance

Preventive measures

Prevention is better than cure. Prevent the top layer from getting scratched by sliding furniture without (or with rough) furniture glides. Protective caps from e.g. Scratch no More prevent hard, rough materials such as road dirt or sand from scratching your floor. Install a suitable entrance mat or barrier mat with a plasticiser-resistant backing. This will provide protection against road dirt and moisture that will unnecessarily damage and/or soil the floor. This in turn means you will have to clean the floor less often and its lifetime will be extended.

Prevent discolouration

Any floor covering, whether wood, PVC or carpet, is liable to discolour under the influence of ultraviolet rays in sunlight. To prevent discolouration of your Solcora floor, it is important to use effective blinds.

Avoid contact with rubber

Contact between PVC and rubber should be avoided as far as possible, unless the floor is protected with Dr. Schutz Anticolor coating. Long-lasting contact between PVC and rubber (e.g. a rubber ring underneath a rubbish bin, rubber barrier mats, place mats, etc.) may cause permanent, dark-brown discolouration. Rubber caps under furniture can cause streaks due to friction. Check whether your furniture and other objects have rubber caps and apply the necessary protection (see www.scratchnomore.nl).

Points to be aware of

- Use barrier mats with a plasticiser-resistant backing at all entrances.
- Avoid contact between PVC and rubber (unless protected with Dr. Schutz PU Anticolor).
- Do not slide heavy objects across the floor and make sure all your sliding furniture is properly protected.
- Replace any castors under office chairs with soft castors suitable for smooth vinyl/PVC floors.
- Clean up spillages as soon as possible.
- Prevent lasting exposure to direct and intense sunlight.

Cleaning and maintenance advice

Thanks to the advanced production process, the use of only high-quality raw materials and the PU protective layer, Solcora PVC strips and tiles are highly wear-resistant and easy to clean. Solcora is scratch-resistant but not scratch- or maintenance-free. To ensure that you continue to get maximum benefit from your floor, we advise you to follow the maintenance advice given below.

Daily maintenance

- Remove spillages as soon as possible.
- Remove loose dirt by sweeping, dusting or vacuuming the floor with a soft nozzle.

Weekly maintenance

- Clean the floor with a mop or floor cloth. Use a solution of lukewarm water and mFLOR Cleaner Mat or Dr. Schutz PU Cleaner. At the correct dosage of 5 ml per litre of water (1:200), this will leave no residue on the floor.
- Leave the floor as dry as possible.

Periodic maintenance

If Solcora is not completely clean after weekly cleaning, you can carry out a periodic (deep) clean. We recommend you carry out this cleaning at least once a year. Use Dr. Schutz Basisreiniger R at a dosage of 100 ml per litre of water (1:10). Wet the floor thoroughly with this solution using a flat mop or floor cloth. Leave it to work for about 15 minutes and remove the dirty water, e.g. with a wet vacuum or clean mop or floor cloth. In case of very heavy soiling, use a single-disc scrubbing machine with a red cleaning pad.

IMPORTANT: Afterwards, mop the floor with a damp cloth using mFLOR Cleaner Mat in a ratio of 5 ml per litre of water (1:200) and allow to dry.

Points to be aware of

- Never use all-purpose cleaner, laminate cleaner, household soap, oil-based soap, green soap, vinegar, polishes, waxes, abrasives or aggressive agents such as chlorine, toilet cleaner, lime or other corrosive detergents or solvents when cleaning Solcora.
- Do not use steam cleaners on Solcora.
- A large amount of diluted dirt and detergent remains on a floor that stays wet for a long time after cleaning. The floor will seem to get dirty again very quickly because the previous dirt was not completely removed.
- A Solcora floor can be slippery when wet.
- Do not place rugs or other impervious materials on the wet floor. These can cause discolouration or condensation in the top layer.

Project environments

Solcora can be deep-cleaned in project environments when necessary. This can be done with a soft or hard brush, a buffer and a white cleaning pad, or a scrubber-suction machine and a white cleaning pad. Use a suitable, neutral detergent that does not leave any residue, such as Dr. Schutz PU cleaner or similar. Ask your Solcora supplier, professional cleaning service or Dr. Schutz for detailed advice.

Preventive protection

Although Solcora has a PU protective layer, as a preventive measure you may wish to protect your floor with an extra hard PU protective layer or PU Anticolor. We recommend this in every case for applications such as industrial rooms, laboratories, showrooms (for cars, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, etc.), hairdressing salons and all other applications where external influences can discolour the top layer. For more information about these maintenance products, please Dr. Schutz.

Manufacture or extra protection

To repair minor scratches or apply an additional preventive layer (to help your floor last longer), we recommend Dr. Schutz. For more information about these maintenance products, contact Dr. Schutz.

If in any doubt, always contact your Solcora supplier or Dr. Schutz for detailed advice.

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