

# Smooth Design Rubber Tile

## Maintenance



### Approved Cleaners

XL Brands All Purpose Cleaner, XL Brands Rubber Cleaner, Hillway Direct Neutral Cleaner, Spartan Chemicals Green Solutions All Purpose Cleaner, Spartan Chemicals Clean by Peroxy, Johnson Stride and/or Taski Profi

### Approved Finishes

XL Brands Matte Finish, XL Brands 18 Gloss Finish, XL Brands 25 Gloss Finish, Hillway Direct Matte, Hillway Direct Satin, Hillway Direct Gloss, Spartan Chemicals Green Solutions Floor Seal & Finish, Diversy Over & Under Plus and/or Johnson Carefree Matte

Roppe Rubber Tile is a low maintenance product that does not require waxes or finishes. The application of a wax or finish will not cause damage to the product. Roppe considers this a low maintenance product when there are no waxes or finishes applied. Always use thoroughly cleaned untreated mops for maintenance of Roppe Rubber Tile. Do not use Kerosene, Gasoline, Naphtha and/or other solvents to clean Roppe Rubber Tile.

The use of Roppe Rubber Tile in an area such as a classroom or office environment in which chairs with castors will be used, it is extremely important to reduce the amount of debris around the area of the chair castor and feet. People tend to shuffle or roll continuously and this debris can cause damage to the flooring. The chair castors should also be inspected regularly for damage and cleaned as necessary.

### Initial Maintenance

- Allow 72 hours after installation for proper curing of the adhesives and/or heat welds
- Remove any coverings used to for floor protection after installation prior to cleaning
- Sweep, dust mop and/or vacuum floor to remove any dirt or particulates accumulated on the floor
- Prepare chosen neutral pH cleaner according to directions on bottle for a medium duty cleaning
- If using a **Swing Single Disc Scrubber**, apply the cleaning solution to the area and allow the cleaning solution to stand for approximately 5-10 minutes, while not allowing the solution to dry. Scrub the area using 180 - 360 RPM with a 22 gauge nylon soft-bristled scrubbing brush or 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pad while wet, excessive or ground in dirt may require additional scrubblings or the use of a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad (use a soft bristle deck brush for smaller installations)
- Wet vacuum or mop up residue
- Rinse with clean, cool water and allow flooring to dry thoroughly before exposing to traffic

### Initial Maintenance for Buffing

- Do not dry buff for the first 90 days after installation to prevent dulling the surface of the new rubber tile and allow time for the migrating waxes to make their way to the surface
- Ensure the tile is clean from the initial maintenance process and free from all mold release
- Use desired maintainer product for the cleaner chosen and mix 2-4 oz. per gallon of water to protect the flooring
- Apply to newly cleaned flooring with a new nylon or rayon lint free mop
- Allow flooring to dry thoroughly before exposing to traffic

### Initial Maintenance for Finishing (Recommended Maintenance Procedure for Smooth Design)

- Ensure the tile is clean from the initial maintenance process and free from all mold release
- Use desired finish product to apply two coats to clean tile
- Allow the first coat to dry before applying the second coat

### Daily Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop and/or vacuum floor to remove any dirt or particulates accumulated on the floor
- Remove any spills or other large deposits of dirt and / or debris with neutral pH cleaner



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### Regular Maintenance

Keep in mind, if the appearance of the flooring becomes unacceptable; this procedure may require completion more frequently to provide acceptable appearance according to traffic. We recommend daily cleaning to easily maintain the desired appearance.

- Sweep, dust mop and/or vacuum floor to remove any dirt or particulates accumulated on the floor
- Prepare chosen neutral pH cleaner according to directions on bottle for a general cleaning
- If using a **Swing Single Disc Scrubber**, apply the cleaning solution to the area and allow the cleaning solution to stand for approximately 5-10 minutes, while not allowing the solution to dry. Scrub the area using 180 - 360 RPM with a 22 gauge nylon soft-bristled scrubbing brush or 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pad while wet, excessive or ground in dirt may require additional scrubblings or the use of a 3M 5100 Red Cleaning Pad (use a soft bristle deck brush for smaller installations)
- If using an **Auto Scrubber**, scrub the area using Red Cleaner pads or 22 gauge nylon soft-bristle scrubbing brushes using a neutral pH cleaner (Dirty areas may require allowing the solution to remain on the tile and then scrubbing a second time while picking up the solution)
- Wet vacuum or mop up residue
- Rinse with clean, cool water and allow flooring to dry thoroughly before exposing to traffic

### Regular Maintenance for Buffing

- For the first 90 days apply the selected maintainer product mixed at 2 oz. per gallon of water to the flooring every couple of weeks to protect the tile
- After 90 days begin to dry buff the tile with a 180-360 RPM machine with a basin brush attachment or 3M 4100 White Super Polishing pad or equivalent (use a clean soft bath towel wrapped around a push broom for small installations)

### Regular Maintenance for Finishing (Recommended Maintenance Procedure for Smooth Design)

- After cleaning of the tile, finish applied to tile can be burnished to achieve a higher sheen
- Additional coats of finish may be applied to maintain the desired look while following the directions of the finish product chosen

**\*The use of a 1500 RPM Burnishing Machine will show any irregularities in the substrate, this is not a defect in the flooring. If you do not want to take this chance, burnish using a RPM Machine with less than 600 RPM a 3M 4100 White Super Polish Pad instead.**

The use of a highly alkaline, highly acidic or solvent-base cleaners or products will remove color from the flooring or degrade the flooring prematurely. **DO NOT** use sweeping or cleaning agents containing oil or solvents. **DO NOT** allow the solution to work its way beneath the flooring which could result in an adhesive failure. **Caution:** When wet, flooring will become slippery; therefore, use the appropriate warning signs on the floor to eliminate foot or other traffic.

### Floor Protection Devices

- Use appropriate floor protection devices for resilient flooring on all furniture or fixtures
- Roppe recommends all furniture placed on flooring have contact points with a minimum diameter of 1" and contain a smooth Stainless Steel, Teflon or Felt pad for contact
- Roppe recommends all furniture placed on the flooring containing castors to have a minimum of 1" wide flat surfaces at the contact point
- Roppe recommends all rolling chairs have castors designed for resilient flooring that are not damaged. It is also recommended to use a chair pad designed for resilient surfaces
- Dragging or improperly moving furniture or equipment across the surface of the tile can cause permanent damage.
- Place walk-off mats at outside entrances manufactured with non-staining backs to prevent discoloration

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### Maintenance Products

These products are available from various sources and information can be found via search on the internet or by contacting the following.

- Diversy Distributors by phone at 1-262-631-4001
- Spartan Chemicals Distributors by phone at 1-800-537-8990 and on the internet at [www.spartanchemical.com](http://www.spartanchemical.com)
- XL Brands products by phone at 1-888-530-2259 and on the internet at [www.xlnorth.com](http://www.xlnorth.com)
- Hillway Direct products by phone at 1-877-356-6748 and on the internet at [www.1877floorguy.com](http://www.1877floorguy.com)

