

# AFTERCARE

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Ensure your Vusta floor looks just as fresh as the day it was laid for years to come by following these maintenance guidelines. With regular care, not only can you look after the appearance of your floor but help to extend its life.



### ROUTINE CLEANING

We recommend sweeping or vacuuming your floor regularly to remove any dry dirt as this type of soiling can cause fine scratches. For a deeper clean and to see off stubborn stains, use the Vusta Floor Cleaner. While this product works just like your regular cleaner to lift dirt, it can also remove minor surface scratches and adds a matt, anti-slip film to enhance your floor's protection with every clean.

#### Method:

1. Dilute 50ml of Floor Cleaner with 8-10 litres of water.
2. Use the mop head provided to distribute the solution evenly across your floor.
3. Allow your floor to air dry.

#### TIPS

- Mop in overlapping strokes for an even clean.
- Rinse the mop regularly and ensure it is well-wrung as dirty water can leave a residue on your floor.
- Store a ready-made solution of Floor Cleaner in a spray bottle for cleaning small spillages or areas that become dirty in-between routine cleans.
- Any scuff marks not removed during cleaning can be rubbed gently with a non-abrasive pad.



## ANNUAL CLEAN & STRIP

To preserve the highly resistant finish of your Vusta floor we recommend treating it to an intensive Clean & Strip at least once a year. Not only will this treatment remove the build-up of old protective films but will lift stubborn dirt to leave you with a perfectly clean and refreshed floor.

#### Method:

1. Remove any coarse, loose dirt using a sweeping brush or vacuum cleaner.
2. Dilute Clean & Strip with water in a ratio of 1:5.
3. Apply to the floor evenly using a mop.
4. Allow to stand for 10 minutes but do not allow to dry (apply to the floor in sections if necessary).
5. Clean the floor using the stripping pad provided.
6. Remove the loosened dirt using a rubber blade and absorbent mop.
7. Mop the floor with clean water.

#### TIPS

- Test your solution of Clean & Strip on an inconspicuous spot of flooring to check that it doesn't affect the colour or material of your floor. If necessary, dilute the Clean & Strip further.
- Ensure the room is well ventilated during the cleaning process.
- Wear rubber gloves during the work.

Following a Clean & Strip it's important that you restore your floor's scratch guard and anti-slip protective layer using the Floor Mat.

#### Method:

1. Apply undiluted Floor Mat in a thin, even film across the floor using the polish applicator pad provided.
2. Allow the floor to dry for 12 hours before it receives traffic.



## DOs AND DON'Ts

### DO:

- ✓ Lay mats at entrances to help prevent the transfer of water and dirt indoors.
- ✓ Wipe up spillages immediately using a dry cloth and then wash with Vusta Floor Cleaner.
- ✓ Use felt pads to prevent marks from furniture legs.
- ✓ Wipe up any residues from furniture polishes and scented sprays as these can cause the floor to become slippery.
- ✓ Protect high-traffic areas (without UFH) with rugs or carpet runners.
- ✓ Clean entrance matting regularly.
- ✓ Ensure your floor stays out of contact with asphalt, paints and shoe polishes as these can cause stains.
- ✓ Protect Vusta from excessive heat. E.g. take care with cigarettes and place mats next to ovens.
- ✓ Protect your floor from indentations by fixing load bearing castors to heavy furniture.
- ✓ Leave high heels at the door as these exert a phenomenal amount of pressure that can damage your floor.
- ✓ Shade your floor from direct sunlight (particularly in rooms with south-facing windows) to protect from fading.



### DON'T:

- ✗ Use rubber or latex backed mats as these can stain your floor.
- ✗ Place rugs or carpet runners over underfloor heating.
- ✗ Use airborne insecticides in a room where Vusta is installed as the chemicals can settle on the surface causing slipperiness and damage.
- ✗ Wash the floor with any other products or methods than those recommended.
- ✗ Drag furniture or other heavy objects across the floor.
- ✗ Dilute Vusta cleaning products to a higher concentration than recommended as this can leave a surface residue.

## 6. TILE REPLACEMENT

In the unlikely event that a tile is damaged, it can easily be replaced without affecting the rest of your floor.



### a. VUSTA

- Using a utility knife, score down the length of the damaged tile.
- Take a flat knife to lift the cut sections of the damaged tile. If necessary, a hot air gun or hairdryer can be used to warm the tile and soften the adhesive to aid its removal. Use hot air with caution as excessive heat could melt the tile or damage neighbouring parts of the floor.
- Any residual adhesive must be removed from the subfloor using a scraper.
- The replacement tile should be fixed into place using an appropriate adhesive (see 2.a. Adhesive).



### b. VITESSE

Visit our website to watch a step-by-step installation video for Vitesse:

[www.vusta.co.uk/vitessevideo](http://www.vusta.co.uk/vitessevideo)



Lift the edge of the tile carefully using a utility knife, taking care not to mark the flooring or damage the underlay beneath.

- When the tile has been removed, lay the replacement loosely in its place.