



INVICTUS®
GREAT FLOORING · INVINCIBLE PERFORMANCE

MAINTENANCE & CARE GUIDE



family
friendly

Invictus luxury vinyl flooring is a family's best companion. It's hygienic and requires little maintenance.



Invictus exclusively benefits from Scratchmaster, its ultra-strong PU-coating offering outperforming wear protection. This top layer will protect your floor against soiling and makes it easier to clean.

**FOLLOW THE ADVICE IN THIS GUIDE TO ENJOY
YOUR INVICTUS FLOOR FOR MANY YEARS TO COME!**

A. GENERAL CLEANING GUIDELINES

INITIAL CLEANING (after installation)

First remove all dirt and dust from the flooring with a brush or vacuum cleaner. Then clean with water and a pH-neutral detergent, until the water stays clean. We recommend to use our Invictus PU Cleaner, other cleaning products may contain agents that damage resilient floor surfaces.

**! If your floor is glued to the subfloor:
make sure the adhesive is fully cured before mopping or moving furniture back into the room.**

If your floor is installed floating (click floors) you can clean your floor right after installation.

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REGULAR CLEANING

We recommend **regular sweeping** as it removes loose dirt or grit and these can cause fine scratches.

Remove daily dirt by sweeping, dust mopping or vacuuming (use vacuums with soft head, not metal head).

When required, clean with a **damp mop** (microfiber or traditional), using a solution of clean water and a pH-neutral detergent. For best results we recommend our Invictus PU Cleaner: Invictus maintenance products are specially developed to keep your floor in mint condition. For detailed information on how to clean your floor with the **Invictus Starter Pack**: see point C.

Always **wipe up spills as soon as possible**, to reduce the risk of slipping and possible staining.

Do not flood the floor with water. Rinse thoroughly and soak up residual water. Vinyl flooring can be slippery when wet.

DO NOT USE:

- Chlorinated solvents (f.e. undiluted bleach) or powerful solvents (f.e. acetone can affect the protective layers)
- Abrasive powders
- Wax or varnish coating /maintenance products that contain wax or oil (f.e. furniture polish or glass spray can cause slippery floors)
- Never use a steam mop!

B. PROTECT YOUR FLOOR

ENTRANCE MATS

To keep your floor in good condition, it is important to place **non-rubber backed doormats** at all entrances, to keep grit, sand and water off of the floor. Placing doormats will eliminate abrasive particles driven by footwear and will extend the life of your floor. Do not use rubber-backed mats, as long-lasting contact with rubber can cause permanent discoloration. Never place doormats on a wet floor. Ensure your mats are cleaned regularly to maintain their effectiveness.

FELT PADS / NO RUBBER

Use protective caps on furniture legs. Rolling office chairs should be fitted with **soft, non-rubber casters**, to avoid permanent damage to your floor. **Use felt or protective pads**, especially for furniture or other items that contain rubber and directly touch the floor (f.e. fitness appliances). Prolonged contact with rubber will cause permanent discoloration.

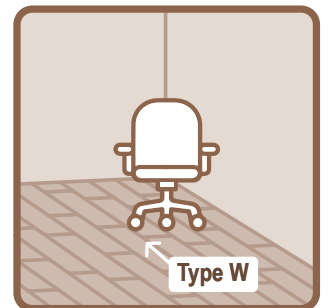
For heavy furniture: use furniture cups to **spread the load** and avoid indentation (the wider the furniture feet, the better the weight repartition on your floor and less chance on indentation).

DESK MAT

Use a **suitable desk mat** to protect your floor from damage due to castor chairs and/or use **soft wheels** (typeW). Clean the wheels periodically and check for wheels that may be broken (and if so, replace immediately).

MOVING FURNITURE

Avoid dragging or sliding heavy items or furniture across the floor. Lift rather than drag or use protective boards or appropriate furniture movers designed for use over hard surface flooring.



C. INVICTUS STARTER PACK

All you need to keep your Invictus luxury vinyl floor in mint condition for years to come, is one small box:

THE INVICTUS STARTER PACK.

We recommend using Invictus maintenance products as they are **specially developed** for our Invictus luxury vinyl floors. Our cleaner is **pH-neutral**, which does not affect the PU top layer, whilst other maintenance products may contain substances that can damage your floor.

INVICTUS PU CLEANER

A special active cleaner to use immediately after installation & for regular cleaning.

Instructions for Use:

Cleaning after installation:

- 1) Remove dirt using a brush or vacuum cleaner.
- 2) In case of stubborn dirt, dilute PU Cleaner in a ratio of 1:10 (1 litre to 10 litres of water), reducing the concentration accordingly for slight soiling. Distribute the cleaning solution over the floor, allow to stand for 10-15min, then clean the floor using a scrubbing brush.
- 3) Take up the dirt with an absorbent mop and wipe over with clear water to neutralise.

Regular Cleaning:

Dilute PU Cleaner in a ratio of 1:200 (50 ml to 10 litres of water) and wipe the floor with a damp mop using this solution. Wipe the floor off with a dry cloth until all moisture is gone. Always wait to walk on your floor until it is completely dry!

INVICTUS FLOOR MAT

For the initial protection & the refreshment of your PU protective finish. Creates a matt anti-slip surface.

Instructions for Use:

Initial Protection:

- 1) First thoroughly clean the floor with the Invictus PU Cleaner.
- 2) Shake Floor Mat well and apply undiluted in a thin, even film using a non-felting wiper mop.
- 3) Allow the floor surface to dry overnight before it is used.

To refresh your PU finish after some time (max. every 6 months):

Use undiluted Floor Mat in the same way as with the initial cleaning. Use maximum 2x/year: when applying this product too often, your floor might get a dull appearance, as these Floor Mat layers build up and make the top layer less transparent.

Note: When applying the product undiluted, avoid strong sunlight and drafts.



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D. STAIN REMOVAL : TIPS & TRICKS

Most common stains will not affect your Invictus floor, especially if they are cleaned up straight away.

Never use abrasive pads/cleaning equipment to remove stubborn dirt or stains, it will damage the surface treatment.

Hair dye

Hair dye will cause permanent staining if not removed immediately.

To protect your LVT floor in a hairdressing or beauty salon, we recommend to add a **special surface treatment**: Dr. Schutz PU Anticolor (this product can only be applied by a professional installer)

In case of a hair dye spill:

Wipe up as fast as possible with a clean cloth. Clean from the outside of the stain towards its center with gentle tapping motions.

Avoid spreading the hair dye around. Then rinse and wipe with fresh water.

If there is a stain: add acetone/nail polish remover on a clean cloth. Rub the stain gently with the cloth. Then rinse the area thoroughly with warm water and our PU Cleaner. Always try acetone in a hidden spot first.

Paint, pen & marker stains / food grease

Rub with a little undiluted Essence C or White spirit on a cloth. Wipe and rinse well with water

Scuff, shoe marks

Use a bit of undiluted Invictus PU cleaner on a moistened cloth (or non-abrasive sponge, in case of stubborn marks) and wipe the marks away. Or: use rubbing alcohol directly on the stains, then rinse off with water.

Oil, vinegar or lemon stains

Should be removed right away, using warm water with a Ph-neutral detergent (Invictus PU Cleaner)

Ink, tomato, blood stains

Use very diluted rubbing alcohol directly on the stain for a few minutes without scrubbing, then rinse off with water

Rust

Use an anti-rust sponge or oxalic acid and rinse well with water.

Chewing-gum

Use a freeze spray to harden, then remove with a blunt plastic spatula.

Do not let **hot items** such as cigarettes, matches or ashes touch the floor as this can cause permanent damage.

HAVE A QUESTION THAT'S NOT ANSWERED HERE?

If you need more information, please contact us and we'll be happy to help.

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**For further help and advice,
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