

## **CARE & MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HARLEQUIN PRINTED VINYL FLOORS**

Please note that these instructions apply to Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floors only. All other Harlequin Vinyl Floors are covered by a separate instruction sheet.

The recommended maintenance instructions must be followed to ensure that the Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floor retains its appearance and performance characteristics. Failure to do so may invalidate the guarantee. If in doubt, please contact your Harlequin Technical Advisor on the number above.

### **PRINTED FLOORS FOR DANCE OR PERFORMANCE USE**

#### **Entrance matting**

Where possible, outdoor shoes should be removed (or overshoes put on) before walking on the vinyl floor.

For situations where this is impractical, the first line of defence is to have effective barrier mats at the entrance to the room. An effective matting will significantly reduce the amount of wet and dry soiling being carried on the underside of footwear.

The length of the matting should be at least 2 to 3 footfalls, and it should be regularly vacuumed and cleaned. Limiting foot borne contamination will make your daily maintenance regime considerably easier.

#### **Initial maintenance for new installations**

Sweep the Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floor with a soft broom or dust control mop to remove any loose dirt, debris and dust.

Damp mop the floor using a diluted solution of **Harlequin Vinyl Daily Cleaner** in the ratio of 1:25 (200 ml of Vinyl Daily Floor Cleaner in 5 litres of clean warm water).

Rinse with plenty of clean water and allow the floor to dry, before use.

#### **Daily maintenance**

Sweep the Harlequin Printed Vinyl Floor with a soft broom or dust control mop to remove any loose dirt, debris and dust.

Damp mop the floor using a diluted solution of **Harlequin Vinyl Daily Cleaner** in the ratio of 1:50 (100 ml of Daily Floor Cleaner in 5 litres of clean warm water).

Rinse with plenty of clean water and allow the floor to thoroughly dry before use.

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### **Floor care best practice**

The frequency of cleaning and type of maintenance required is dependent on the frequency of use and the degree of soiling. However, daily cleaning will be more effective, and the floor will retain its performance characteristics longer, if a regular 'deep clean' is undertaken as described above.

Always use Harlequin cleaning products to the dilution rates recommended. Improper use, or use of incorrect products, can have an adverse effect on the floor and may invalidate the guarantee.

Abrasive powders or creams, strong solvents such as Acetone or highly alkaline solutions should not be used, they will result in irreversible damage.

Do not use dust control mops that are impregnated with oils.

Avoid contact with sharp edges or points. Ensure that any furniture placed on the floor has feet that will not damage the floor. Take care when moving heavy objects such as stage equipment, dragging anything with sharp edges can scratch the floor. The use of spreader boards is recommended.

Do not walk on the floor in Stiletto heels, as these will damage the floor.

Tap dancing in shoes with loose screws will damage any floor, inspect tap shoes carefully before use. Note that tap dancing is not recommended on some Harlequin floors, if you are unsure please see our website or contact us for more details.

