

Bestlamine

Cleaning & Maintenance Guide – Bestlamine Vinyl Planks

Anytime you install a new floor in your home, you want to make sure and go the extra mile to ensure it stays looking its best. Scratches, scuff marks and dull designs can give your home an older look. With proper maintenance and cleaning your vinyl flooring can withstand, most of, the abuse it will see.

Follow these few tips to help keep your Bestlamine vinyl floors looking new for years

How to Clean Bestlamine Vinyl Floors

Sweep Regularly

Dirt, dust, and debris can cause your floors to scratch. The faster you get this off your vinyl, the less wear and tear you'll see.

Sweeping your floors regularly is the best way to keep them clean and free of scratches. We recommend using a microfiber mop pad. If you wish to use a vacuum when cleaning your vinyl, NEVER use the beater bar; Take it off to prevent additional abuse.

Wash Your Floors Weekly

If you're sweeping your floors regularly, you will not have to wash your floors as often – depending on the foot traffic in your home. We recommend spot cleaning on daily basis and a weekly cleaning with a micro-fiber wet mop using a pH neutral cleaning agent.

When mopping, be sure to follow the specific manufacturer's instructions closely. Do not use harsh chemicals. You can risk stripping the top protective layer if you use the wrong cleaners. Stick with the recommend cleaners. For example, never use wax cleaners on Bestlamine floors! Avoid all cleaning products with waxes, lotions, dish soap or conditioners, as they can leave a film residue. Never use steam mop, because high temperature can damage your floor.

Spot Clean

Accidents do happen. Even though vinyl is moisture resistant and has a tough top coating, staining and discoloration can still happen. It is caused by acidic liquids and chemicals. If you have any accidents that do happen, it's best to clean it as soon as possible with a damp cloth

and the pH neutral cleaner that is recommended by the manufacturer. Never use dish soap, vinegar, windex, and any other harsh and/ or abrasive products to clean your floor.

Keep the Shine

To keep your floors with the perfect level of shine, use a pH neutral cleaner approved specifically for vinyl floors. Never use wax cleaners on Bestlamine floors! Avoid all cleaning products with waxes, lotions, dish soap or conditioners, as they can leave a film residue.

Prevent Scuffs and Scrapes

There are things you can do to prevent scuffs and scrapes. This will help you to maintain your floors and keep them clean.

- Use felt pads on the bottom of your furniture. This way, whenever you slide your chair back from the kitchen table or move your couch, you don't risk scratching the floors.
- Use entryway rugs and doormats. These will take away the bulk of the dirt and moisture hitting your flooring.
- Never scrub your floors. Scrubbing will scratch and scrape away the protective layer hurting your floors. If there's a stain, use the proper cleaning solution to gently remove it with a cloth.
- When moving furniture or appliances use protective pads to protect against scratches
- Use mats in all heavy traffic areas, to protect your floor against scuffs and scratches. When dirt and debris get tracked into your home it's a recipe for scrapes and scratches.

Keeping your vinyl flooring looking its best requires some regular maintenance. By following these tips you'll have beautiful vinyl flooring for years to come.

Protecting Your Vinyl Floors

One of the biggest perks to vinyl flooring is its resiliency. This flooring is one of the most durable against regular household abuse. Because of its strength, it can be easy to forget about how important it is to keep it protected from scratches, dents, and chips.

Protecting your vinyl flooring isn't too hard. Here are some of the best ways you can keep your floors looking their best year after year with a few preventative measures.

Regular Cleaning

When dirt and debris get tracked into your home it's a recipe for scrapes and scratches. The cleaner you keep your floors, the better protected they will be. With regular sweeping and light mopping, your floors will stay protected year after year. Spills or accidents are an easy spot clean away.

Limit Sunlight

UV rays can damage more than just your skin. They are also harmful to your floors.

Limit how much sun you expose your floors to on a regular basis. Direct sunlight can cause your floors to fade in areas over time. Pull the shades during the brightest parts of the day to help limit the exposure to your vinyl.

Rearrange your Furniture

If you love re-decorating, then you'll love this tip for protecting your vinyl flooring. Rearrange your furniture and rugs on a regular basis. This will keep the wear and tear even across your entire floor. UV rays will only fade the exposed areas.

The flooring underneath your couch and area rug will not see the same type of fading, which can leave your floors looking splotchy. Rearranging your furniture will help to spread the wear and tear evenly throughout the room.

****Another helpful hint: before you start sliding your sofa across the floor, get some coasters to easily slide your furniture.****

Use Natural Products

It is a good idea to place doormats and area rugs around your room to prevent the spread of dirt and debris. However, some of the backings on your floor mats can do damage of their own.

Choose naturally woven floor mats over rugs that are backed with latex or rubber. These materials can cause your floors to become discolored over time, creating more damage than they're intended to prevent.

Even though vinyl is one of the more resilient types of flooring, it still needs a little TLC to keep it looking its best. With these tips, you'll protect your vinyl floors from harm.

How to Repair Vinyl Flooring

Vinyl is well-known for its resiliency. It is sturdy against general wear and tear, but even though it stands up to abuse well, it is not invincible.

Damage still happens, even on the toughest pieces of vinyl. When it does you will want to know how to repair it by the basic wear and tear without starting from scratch.

There are many types of vinyl flooring. The way you make repairs to the vinyl will depend on what type you have. Here are quick guides for each style of vinyl flooring to help you have an easier time making repairs.

Minor Scratches & Imperfections

Minor scratches and imperfections can easily be fixed with liquid seam sealer or a vinyl repair kit. They are sold at any home improvement store. All you need to do is fill in the scratch with the liquid seam sealer and let it dry. Follow the repair kit directions to get an exact match for your vinyl!

Floating Vinyl Floors

Bestlaminated vinyl floors can “float”. That means they click together over the subfloor instead of being glued down.

If your vinyl is floating, you can unhook the undamaged planks of tiles until you reach the one that needs replaced. Then, you can easily make the replacement with your spare planks before reapplying the original, undamaged pieces.

Here’s how:

1. Find the closest wall to the damaged plank. You want to unclick as few pieces as possible to reach the one that needs replaced.
2. Remove the baseboards.
3. Start lifting and unhooking the vinyl flooring from the wall toward the damaged area.
4. Remove the damaged plank or tile and replace it with one that has been acclimated to the area.
5. Click the planks back in place. Push them down to ensure they lock securely.
6. Reinstall the baseboards.

Glue-Down Vinyl Floors

If your vinyl flooring was glued down, you can’t unclick it and only replace one tile. You need to take a different approach in repairing the damaged area.

To do this you’ll need to cut a small section along the grout lines. Follow the steps below:

1. Measure the replacement patch you'll use to replace the area
2. Tape the piece over the damaged area. Make sure it's perfectly aligned with the pattern.
3. Use a heat gun or blow dryer to heat the tile as a guideline.
4. Position the new piece of vinyl in its new area. Use double-sided tape to ensure it does not slip or slide out of place.
5. Use a seam roller to push down on the edges and secure it in place.

Repairing your vinyl flooring is not impossible. With the right tools and instructions, you'll be able to make any repair you need.