

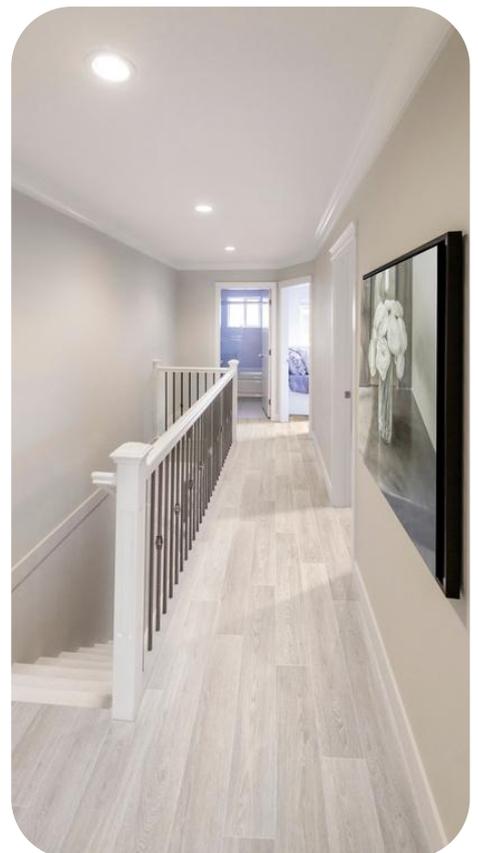
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Dulling of Gloss

This will appear as an overall dullness in the sheet vinyl, dullness in traffic areas, and scuffs under chairs. The cause is almost always improper maintenance. Dirt, dust and grit can act like sandpaper and scratch the gloss finish of the vinyl. These issues can be avoided by dust mopping and wet mopping on a frequent basis and installing floor mats and rugs at doorways. Refer to our care leaflet.

Adhesive Seepage on Door Bars

Overtime occasionally you may get adhesive seepage from self adhesive door bars, this is rare but can happen. The adhesive is required to ensure that the bar is secured to the flooring. Less adhesive could lead to lifting and creating a trip hazard. The adhesive is clear at the point of installation but overtime dirt and grime can attach itself to the adhesive and look unsightly. The door bar simply needs cleaning with a solvent based product to remove the residue of adhesive. The recommended solvent to use in this case is over the counter nail polish remover that is acetone based. Application of remover to a cotton pad or tissue then wipe, will remove the adhesive seepage and the dirt and grime will be lifted.





Dents & Surface Damage

These are usually the result of incorrect use or accidents. Furniture can cause scratches and dents if slid along the surface of the vinyl, couches and chairs with metal or angular feet could also be potentially damaging. Some types of shoes with very hard bottoms can scratch or scuff the surface of the vinyl, as well. Hard or sharp objects dropped on the floor can also cause gouges or dents. Missing Wear Layer in a Line is often seen as 3 or 4 lumps missing in the vinyl and is usually caused by the Vac beater bar being set for short pile (too low). The use of furniture cups, felt pads or glides to avoid scratches or marks is recommended. Heavy items should not be dragged across the floor.



Plasticizer Migration

In order to make the vinyl sheets more flexible and softer, chemicals called plasticizers are added. However, these chemicals have the potential to cause some problems for clients due to plasticizer migration. Plasticizer migration is when the plasticizer chemicals within vinyl, plastic or rubber migrates out and is absorbed by surrounding materials. For example, a rubber mat placed on a vinyl floor, may eventually leave a yellowish stain where the mat made contact with the vinyl, there may also be other evidence of discolouration or softening of the vinyl. Plasticizer migration can happen over time, but pressure and heat can speed up the migration. To minimize the risk of plasticizer migration avoid rubber or latex backed mats or pads. Reduce exposure to heat, moisture and prolonged pressure.



Discolouration

Yellowing and slight discoloration or staining are common in areas of high traffic, such as walkways between rooms and near entrances and exits. Often some contaminants, dirt, oil, or anything else tracked indoors on the bottom of shoes can cause discoloration. These issues can be avoided by dust mopping and wet mopping on a frequent basis and installing floor mats and rugs at doorway

Heat and direct sunlight can also cause discolouration. Areas near heating vents, radiator legs or supply pipes, as well as spots near windows or glass doors, may be at risk. Some of these problems can be avoided by not allowing vinyl to come into contact with high heat sources and closing window shades during the most intense periods of sunlight.