



LVT Flooring Maintenance & Care Guide

- Proper maintenance will help preserve the appearance and long-term performance of your Durato glue down LVT flooring. By following the recommendations below, you can keep your floor looking its best for years to come.
- After installation, perform an initial cleaning to remove any dust, dirt, or debris that may have accumulated during installation. Because glue-down LVT is bonded with adhesive, allow the adhesive cure period below to pass before wet cleaning.
- Place walk-off mats at entrances to reduce dirt and moisture tracked onto the floor.
- Failure to follow recommended cleaning practices may affect product performance or warranty coverage.

ADHESIVE CURE PERIOD

Glue-Down LVT is bonded directly to the subfloor with adhesive. The following restrictions apply immediately after installation:

- Limit foot traffic to light traffic only for the first 24 hours.
- Do not place furniture, rolling loads, or heavy objects on the floor for at least 48 hours.
- Wait a minimum of 5 days before performing the first wet cleaning or deep cleaning.
- Maintain a consistent room temperature and humidity during this period to support proper adhesive curing.

DAILY CARE

- Sweep, dust mop, or vacuum regularly to remove dirt and debris.
- Avoid vacuums with a rotating beater bar or brush roll, which may scuff the surface or affect seams.
- Clean spills immediately to prevent residue buildup.
- Use entry mats at exterior doors to help reduce dirt and moisture tracked onto the floor.

ROUTINE CLEANING

For regular maintenance cleaning (after the adhesive cure period has passed):

- Use a damp microfiber mop with warm water and a small amount of mild pH-neutral floor cleaner or gentle dish soap.
- Rinse with clean water if residue remains.
- Change mop water frequently to prevent spreading dirt.
- Allow the floor to dry completely after cleaning.
- Circulating air with a fan may help speed drying.

Avoid excessive water or leaving standing water on the floor.

DEEP CLEANING

For heavier soil or residue buildup:

- Use warm water with a pH-neutral vinyl floor cleaner.
- Mop the floor and rinse thoroughly with clean water.
- Repeat if necessary until residue or haze is removed.

If buildup occurs over time, a mild degreasing cleaner followed by a thorough rinse with clean water may be used.

PROTECTING YOUR FLOOR

Durato glue down LVT flooring is designed for durability, but proper care will help maintain the finish and adhesive bond.

- Keep pet nails trimmed.
- Avoid walking on the floor with damaged high heels or exposed heel pins.
- Use protective felt pads under furniture legs.
- Use flat, non-staining composition casters or cups under heavy or rolling furniture; avoid small metal glides.
- Use entry and area mats without rubber or latex backing, which can discolor vinyl flooring.
- Avoid dragging heavy objects across the floor.

FLOODING

In the event of significant flooding or standing water, contact a professional water remediation service. Because the flooring is bonded to the subfloor with adhesive, prolonged water exposure may compromise the adhesive bond and require replacement of affected tiles or planks.

COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE

For commercial or high-traffic environments:

- Daily debris removal through sweeping or vacuuming
- Routine damp mopping as needed
- Periodic deep cleaning to remove buildup

Entry mat systems are strongly recommended, particularly in high-traffic glue-down installations.

SUNLIGHT & TEMPERATURE

Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight or extreme temperature changes may affect flooring performance.

- Use curtains or blinds during peak sunlight hours.
- Maintain a consistent indoor climate when possible.
- Avoid extreme temperature fluctuations.

WATER AND ADHESIVE BOND

Glue-Down LVT flooring is water resistant; however, excessive moisture should not remain on the surface for extended periods. Unlike a floating floor, prolonged moisture at seams and edges can affect the adhesive bond rather than a locking mechanism, and may lead to edge lifting or tile separation if not addressed.

If excessive water is present:

- Remove water as quickly as possible.
- Dry the area with towels, a mop, or wet vacuum.
- Use fans or dehumidifiers to return humidity levels to normal.
- Inspect seams and edges for lifting after any significant water exposure.

ACCEPTABLE CLEANING METHODS

- Damp mopping
- Microfiber mop cleaning
- Vacuuming using a hard floor setting (no beater bar)
- Cleaning products designed for vinyl or resilient flooring

Avoid cleaners that contain:

- Ammonia
- Abrasive powders
- Harsh solvents
- Oil-based soaps
- Vinegar or other acidic cleaners
- Wax or polish
- Steam mops or steam cleaners

Steam and excess heat can soften or damage the adhesive bond; these products may also damage the finish or leave residue on the floor.

STAIN REMOVAL

For difficult stains such as marker, paint, or adhesive residue:

1. Apply a small amount of isopropyl alcohol or vinyl floor cleaner to a soft cloth.
2. Gently wipe the stain until removed.
3. Rinse the area thoroughly with clean water.

Always test cleaning solutions in an inconspicuous area first.