



## Care & Maintenance Instructions

### PREVENTION

The single greatest cause of damage to any flooring or floor finish is abrasion from dirt and grit. Wherever possible, use walk off mats at entrances and doorways. Vacuum or sweep the floor often to remove any dirt and grit.

### DRY MAINTENANCE VS. WET MAINTENANCE

A dry maintenance system has many advantages over a wet maintenance system, primarily cost and hygienic and environmental impact.

- Dry maintenance systems use less than half the amount of cleaning chemicals over wet systems and labor savings can be as great as 50%.
- To multiply, micrororganisms need three basic things: food, warmth, and moisture. By using a dry maintenance system you eliminate a basic element needed for microorganism growth.
- By eliminating or reducing the stripping and recoating of floor finishes, you reduce or eliminate the dumping of heavy metals into the waste stream.

### GENERAL

Use standard Maintenance Industry safety practices and precautions whenever performing maintenance procedures.

Every application and every building can present its own unique set of problems, which may require variations in the maintenance procedure. The following are general guidelines, which will cover the majority of applications. If you feel your situation is not covered by these guidelines, please contact us for advice before beginning your maintenance procedure.

## INITIAL MAINTENANCE

**NOTE:** Do not begin initial maintenance for a minimum of 72 hours after installation is complete. This is to assure the adhesive has had sufficient time to dry and cure.

1. Remove all surface soil, dirt, sand and grit by vacuuming or dust mopping.
2. Scrub the floor with a neutral pH detergent such as Taski-Profi or equivalent.
3. Scrub with rotary scrubber with scrubbing pad or automatic scrubber with scrubbing pads.
4. Pick up solution with a wet vac, rinse with clean water, allow to dry.
5. Spray buff or apply floor finish if desired.

**NOTE:** G•Court does not require a floor finish to be applied. However, in certain applications a floor finish may be desirable to aid in stain resistance, resistance to abrasion and increase gloss level. Essentially, a floor finish is a sacrificial wear-layer

## IF A FLOOR FINISH IS DESIRED

### OPTION 1: Satin/Matte Finish

1. Apply 2-3 thin coats of high quality floor finish such as Taski Vision Matte. Apply with a clean finish mop or finish applicator.
2. Allow a minimum of 30 minutes to dry between each coat.

### OPTION 2: High Gloss Shine

1. Apply 2-3 thin coats of high quality floor finish such as Vision Star. Apply with a clean finish mop or finish applicator.
2. Allow a minimum of 30 minutes to dry between each coat.

## DAILY MAINTENANCE

Vacuum or dust mop to remove all surface soil, sand and grit.

### OPTION 1: Dry Maintenance System

1. Spray Clean/Buf using rotary buffing machine (175-1500rpm) with a red or purple pad and a spray buff solution such as Taski P-44.

### OPTION 2: Wet Maintenance System

1. Scrub or mop with neutral pH (7-8.5) detergent such as Taski Profi.
2. Apply cleaning solution with a mop and bucket (do not flood the floor, use as little water as possible) and scrub using a rotary scrubber with scrubbing pad or use automatic scrubber with scrubbing pad.
3. Pick up solution with a wet vac. Rinse with clean water

## **SCRUB AND RECOAT**

If the floor finish has been applied:

1. Vacuum or dust mop to remove loose soil and debris.
2. Using a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber do a heavy scrub with a scrubbing pad and a double-strength of neutral pH detergent such as Taski Profi or equal.
3. Pick up solution with a wet vac.
4. Rinse with clean water and allow to thoroughly dry.
5. Apply 1-2 thin coats of floor finish following initial cleaning.

## **STRIP AND RECOAT**

1. Vacuum or dust mop to remove loose soil and debris.
2. Using a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber do a heavy scrub with a scrubbing pad and stripper solution such as Radical or equal.
3. Pick up solution with a wet vac.
4. Rinse with clean water and allow to dry.
5. Apply 2-3 coats of desired floor finish.

**CAUTION:** Phenolic Type Disinfectants are very caustic and may cause adverse effects to the physical properties of the floor covering, including leaving a slippery residue, which may cause a hazardous condition. If phenolics are used, after each application, thoroughly rinse the surface with clean water and wet vac the solution. GSP does not recommend the use of phenolics and will not warranty any damage or harm caused by their use.