

FINFLOOR CARE COLLECTION

GLUE-DOWN LVT MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Cleaning, protection and everyday care



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Practical guidance for clean, beautiful and long-lasting glue-down vinyl flooring.

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Let the Adhesive Cure Properly

The first hours after installation are critical. Correct curing protects the bond between the LVT and the prepared substrate and helps prevent movement, indentation or adhesive failure.

NORMALLY 48 HOURS

Sweep or vacuum only until the adhesive has fully cured. Do not wet clean, place heavy items or overuse the floor during this period. The adhesive manufacturer's written curing requirements always take precedence.

Initial Care

- Remove loose installation dust and debris with a soft broom, microfibre broom or vacuum with the beater bar switched off.
- If adhesive residue is noticed, contact the installer promptly and follow the adhesive supplier's approved removal method. Do not use metal scrapers or unapproved solvents.
- Keep the installed area within the environmental conditions specified by the flooring and adhesive manufacturers.
- Protect the floor from other trades, tools, paint, impact and concentrated traffic while work continues.

BEFORE NORMAL USE

Confirm that the adhesive has cured, install clean felt pads or wide non-staining protectors beneath furniture, use soft castors, and move heavy items over hardboard runways or suitable protective blankets. Never drag appliances or furniture across the floor.

Keep Glue-Down Vinyl Looking Its Best

A consistent dry-cleaning routine and occasional controlled damp cleaning will preserve the surface while protecting the adhesive bond beneath it.

1 REMOVE GRIT

Sweep or vacuum daily in busy areas.

2 DAMP CLEAN

Use a clean, slightly damp microfibre pad.

3 RINSE & DRY

Remove residue and let the floor dry.

Routine Cleaning

- Sweep or vacuum regularly to remove abrasive dust and grit. Switch off the beater bar and avoid hard, unpadded electric broom heads.
- When required, damp clean with a clean microfibre mop, a dedicated vinyl floor cleaner and clean room-temperature water. Follow the cleaner manufacturer's dilution instructions.
- Use minimal water. Excessive moisture may affect the adhesive and lead to floor failure. Never flood the surface.
- Rinse the microfibre pad as soon as it becomes dirty. Continuing with a dirty pad redistributes soil and causes streaks or residue around the room edges.
- Clean spills, wet footprints and foreign substances immediately. Allow the floor to dry before walking on it because smooth vinyl may be slippery when wet.

A Practical Care Rhythm

DAILY / HIGH TRAFFIC

Remove grit and spot-clean spills.

AS REQUIRED

Damp clean with a fresh microfibre pad.

REGULAR CHECK

Clean mats, castors and felt protectors.

DO NOT USE

Harsh chemicals, ammonia-based cleaners, dishwashing liquid, abrasive tools, polish, wax, "mop and shine" products or steam cleaners. Test any new approved cleaner in an inconspicuous area first.

Protect Your Glue-Down LVT

Grit, unsuitable mats, hard castors, concentrated furniture loads and excessive heat are common causes of avoidable damage.

ENTRANCE MATS

Use effective non-staining walk-off mats. Rubber-backed products may stain or yellow vinyl.

FURNITURE PADS

Fit felt pads beneath furniture and clean them regularly so trapped grit does not scratch the floor.

HEAVY ITEMS

Use wide-bearing, non-staining protectors beneath heavy furniture and appliances to reduce indentation.

CHAIRS & CASTORS

Use easy-swivelling soft castors suitable for resilient floors. Do not use ball-type castors.

SUNLIGHT & RUGS

Close blinds during peak sunlight and reposition rugs periodically to reduce uneven fade patterns.

HEAT SOURCES

Place heaters and fireplaces on protective platforms. Confirm underfloor-heating requirements before use.

RENOVATION WORK

Protect against tools, impact, paint and building traffic. Do not tape coverings directly to the vinyl.

VACANT ROOMS

Use natural ventilation or intermittent air conditioning in vacant or holiday homes.

Pets and Staining Substances

- Keep pets' nails trimmed and ensure stiletto heels have sound tips.
- Immediately remove oil, petroleum residue and asphalt sealer that may stain the surface.
- Clean felt pads, protectors and castors regularly to remove trapped grit.

Start with the Mildest Method

Act promptly, use very little moisture and never scrape the surface with a sharp or metallic tool.

TYPE OF MARK	RECOMMENDED ACTION
Loose dirt and grit	Sweep, dry mop or vacuum with the beater bar disconnected.
Light everyday soil	Use a slightly damp clean microfibre pad and dedicated vinyl cleaner, then rinse the pad.
Food and drink spills	Blot immediately, wipe with a damp cloth and dry the area.
Grease or shoe marks	Use only a vinyl-compatible cleaner applied to a cloth. Rinse away residue.
Adhesive residue	Ask the installer or adhesive supplier for the approved method. Avoid solvents and metal tools.
Unknown marks	Stop before using harsh chemicals. Contact your authorised FINfloor distributor for advice.

BEFORE TREATING A MARK

Test the approved method in an inconspicuous area. Work from the outside of the mark towards the centre, change to a clean cloth as soil transfers, and dry the area promptly.

DO

Remove grit regularly. Wipe spills promptly. Use clean microfibre pads. Use minimal water. Follow approved product instructions.

AVOID

Steam, abrasives, harsh chemicals, ammonia, dishwashing liquid, polish, wax, dirty mop pads and excessive water.

Protect the Floor - and Your Warranty

Correct care supports the long-term performance of the floor and its adhesive system. Product, substrate, installation and maintenance requirements work together.

Good Practice

- Keep your dated proof of purchase and ask your registered dealer or installer to complete FINfloor's online warranty process.
- Identify the exact product range and décor on your invoice and use it only in an application suitable for its stated use classification.
- Retain a few spare planks flat in a safe place for possible future repairs.
- If a fault or unusual change is noticed, stop any treatment that may worsen it, retain the floor in its current condition and contact the authorised distributor promptly.
- The current product warranty, installation instructions, adhesive requirements and technical specification take precedence over this general guide.

IMPORTANT

FINfloor warrants the flooring product subject to its terms; installer workmanship and failures involving incompatible or incorrectly used screeds and adhesives are addressed through the responsible installer or supporting-product warranty.

FINfloor Glue-Down LVT Collections

Shared care guidance applies to FINcrete, Galaxy II, Aurora II and Aurora II Herringbone. Warranty periods, wear layers, use classes and formats differ, so always use the documentation for the exact installed product.

FINCRETE

GALAXY II
Glue down LVT

AURORA II
Glue down LVT

AURORA II
herringbone Glue down LVT

Glue-Down LVT Care at a Glance

CURING PERIOD

Dry clean only and avoid heavy items until the adhesive has fully cured - normally 48 hours, subject to its instructions.

ROUTINE

Sweep or vacuum regularly with the beater bar off.

DAMP CLEANING

Use a slightly damp, clean microfibre pad with dedicated vinyl cleaner and minimal room-temperature water.

PROTECTION

Use non-staining mats, felt pads, wide protectors, soft castors and hardboard runways when moving heavy items.

AVOID

Excess water, steam, harsh chemicals, ammonia, dishwashing liquid, abrasives, polish, wax and rubber-backed mats.

NEED CARE ADVICE?

Contact your authorised FINfloor distributor or visit www.finfloor.co.za for current product information, installation instructions and warranty guidance.



This general guide does not replace the technical specification, installation instructions, adhesive requirements or warranty supplied for the specific product.