

# Care instructions

## Linoleum



<i>brief instructions</i>		
<b>procedure</b>	<b>product</b>	<b>remarks</b>
<i>primary care</i>	LOBA® FloorCare	For shiny substrates
	LOBA® FloorCare Matt	For mat substrates
	LOBACARE® V6 Finish Glänzend / Gloss	Shiny PU-containing long-term care
	LOBACARE® V6 Finish Matt	Mat PU-containing long-term care
<i>maintenance</i>	LOBA® Cleaner	Maintenance cleaning
	LOBACARE® CleanFix	Maintenance cleaning spray
	LOBA® FloorCare	Shiny maintenance care
	LOBA® FloorCare Matt	Mat maintenance care
<i>stripping</i>	LOBA® CareRemover	pH-neutral

### general remarks

#### *Linoleum*

Linoleum is a flooring basing on linseed oil (lat. lin oleum), cork and resins, usually with a jute tissue as backbone. Due to this composition linoleum is to be considered as a natural flooring which exclusively consists of renewable raw materials. Linoleum shows a humidity-regulating function. The surface is additionally insensitive against friction heat (no burn spots), hardly inflammable, resistant against glowing cigarettes and extensively solvent-proof, but not resistant against chemicals in general. Some linoleum floorings are industrially provided with a permanent surface protection.

#### *Cleaning and caring of linoleum*

Like any other flooring also linoleum is subdued to a natural wear which can be counteracted by adequate measures. Sand, dust and other dirt particles behave like sanding paper and grate the surface. Thus early removal of these particles chiefly contributes to a prolonged flooring lifetime. Additionally film-forming care products can be used to protect the flooring by formation of a sacrificial layer. This measure is important since linoleum becomes more rough during use by the acting abrasive forces. Such a surface would be preferably attacked by chemicals.

Due to the sensitivity against acidic and alkaline chemicals, pH-neutral products are to be used. This also forces the use of special linoleum-suitable strippers.

New linoleum floorings are usually coated by the manufacturer to protect the surface from dirt during the building phase. This coating must be removed before a primary care can be carried out in order to guarantee good adhesion properties of the care product.

### First cleaning

Apply a stripping procedure on new floors using LOBA® CareRemover in order to remove the manufacturers protective layer. On older floors a maintenance cleaning procedure using LOBA® Cleaner is possibly sufficient.

### primary care

#### *Pretreatment*

Be sure the floor is clean and free from grease, wax residues and other fatty soil. Remove old layers of care products. Thus at least a maintenance cleaning procedure using LOBA® Cleaner is to be carried out. If need be a stripping procedure must be

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### *Commonly stressed floors*

A primary care is to be carried out using LOBA® FloorCare on shiny substrates and LOBA® FloorCare Matt on mat surfaces. Hereby the adequate care product is to be applied equally with a LOBATool Wischwiesel. Do not work into the drying surfaces. The floor can be used again after about 30 minutes. Full stressability will be achieved after drying over night. On strongly absorbing surfaces a second layer can be necessary.

### *Heavily stressed floors*

A primary care is to be carried out using LOBACARE® V6 Finish Gloss or LOBACARE® V6 Finish Matt, respectively. Hereby the adequate care product is to be applied equally with a LOBATool Wischwiesel. Do not work into the drying surfaces. The floor can be used again after about 30 minutes. Full stressability will be achieved after drying over night. On strongly absorbing surfaces a second layer can be necessary.

### Caution:

Mat care products must be shaken well before use.

## **maintenance**

### *Cleaning*

Add 50-100mL of LOBA® Cleaner to a bucket (10L) of water and wipe the floor. The cleaning intervals are to be determined experimentally. Alternatively LOBACARE® Cleanfix can be used.

### *Caring*

Maintenance caring can become necessary when the existing care layer shows damages due to wear. First a maintenance cleaning procedure is to be performed. Subsequently depending on the floors' lustre one more layer of LOBA® FloorCare or LOBA® FloorCare Matt is to be applied undiluted using the LOBATool Wischwiesel.

### Caution:

To keep stripping procedures as simple as possible, more than 3 layers of care product are to be avoided.

## **stripping**

Manual or mechanical stripping procedures can become necessary in case of heavy stains which can not be removed during maintenance cleanings. A stripping procedure also becomes necessary when the floor should be cared again and already has a build-up of 3 layers of care product.

To strip your floor use LOBA® CareRemover (1-2,5L per bucket (10L) of water). Spread the cleaning solution onto the floor and allow to take effect for a short period of time. Work over the floor using a buffing machine and a green pad. Smaller areas can also be treated with a scrubber. The dissolved dirt must be removed before it dries again. Wipe the floor subsequently with clean water to remove any cleaner residues. Since all care layers has been removed by the stripping procedure, a new primary care (see there) is to be carried out.

## **notes**

Stripping procedures should be carried out as seldom as possible.

Mat care products are exclusively to be used on mat surfaces.

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