

Landing Tile & Integrated Stair Treads Maintenance Instructions

Following a regular and well-planned maintenance program will ensure a beautiful floor and increase its service life.

Following are guidelines for maintaining Armstrong Flooring's Landing Tile and Integrated Stair Treads. They are based on general experience using established methods and cleaning materials. It is important that these guidelines are read carefully. Ultimately, local site conditions will determine what specific maintenance procedures and frequencies are needed. It is the responsibility of the maintenance provider to establish the maintenance program(s) that meet the demands of the space(s) and needs of the facility.

Initial & Ongoing

Landing Tile & Stair Treads

Initial, Daily / Regular and Periodic Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit, and debris.
- Damp mop the Landing Tiles and Stair Treads with a proper diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution, like S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner. Allow the cleaner to stand for 5 - 10 minutes. Scrub with a soft brush while still wet.
- Wipe up any excess cleaner with a dry cloth. Allow stairs to dry.

Polish Option

Landing Tile (areas where a rotary machine cannot be used)

Initial Maintenance, Immediately After Installation

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the floor thoroughly to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit, and debris.
- Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean, white cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carefully following warnings on the container.
- Damp mop the floor with a properly diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solutions, like S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.
- Apply a minimum of two coats of a high-quality commercial floor polish (like S-480 Commercial Floor Polish) to temporarily protect the floor until regular maintenance procedures can begin. The use of a high-quality stain-resistant sealer (like S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer) beneath the polish should be considered in areas of high traffic, high soil load and areas where staining potential is high.

Initial Maintenance and Preparation for Commercial Traffic

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the Landing Tile to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit, and debris.
- Damp mop the floor with a proper diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution, like S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner
- Allow the Landing Tile to dry.
- Apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish, like S-480 Commercial Floor Polish. In areas where the flooring will be exposed to heavy traffic and/or staining agents, the application of 1 or 2 coats of a stain resistant sealer (like S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer) prior to the application of polish, is recommended.

Daily / Regular Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the Landing Tile to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit, and debris.
- Damp mop the floor with a proper diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution, like S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.
- Allow the Landing Tile to dry.

Periodic Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit, and debris.
- Damp mop the Landing Tile with a proper diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution, like S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner. Allow the cleaner to stand for 5 - 10 minutes. Scrub with a soft brush while still wet.
- Wipe up any excess cleaner with a dry cloth. Allow Landing Tile to dry.
- If needed, additional coats of floor polish may be applied at this time.

Stripping for Landing Tile

- Mix stripping solution to the appropriate dilution, depending on floor finish build-up.
 - Cordon off areas to be stripped.
 - Apply liberal amounts of solution uniformly on floor with mop.
 - Let stripping solution soak for the appropriate amount of time recommended by the stripper manufacturer.
 - Keep areas to be stripped wet. Rewet if necessary.
- Machine scrub the floor (300 rpm or less) with a scrubbing brush (aggressiveness equivalent to 3M® blue pad or equal), or hand scrub with a 3M Doodlebug™, to break up the polish film. Do not allow stripping solution to dry on the floor.
- Remove dirty stripping solution with a wet vacuum or mop.

TIP: Drizzling fresh, clean rinse water onto the dirty stripping solution will assist with more thorough removal.
- Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.
- Apply 3 to 5 coats of high-quality commercial floor polish, like S-480 Commercial Floor Polish.

Landing Tile (low maintenance recommendations)

Initial Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the Landing Tile to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit, and debris.
- Remove any dried adhesive residue with a clean, white cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carefully following warnings on the container. The surface may become dull by this process.
- Machine scrub the floor, making a minimum of 5 passes, with S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner and a 3M Scotch-Brite™ Surface Preparation pad or equivalent brush. Areas that cannot be reached by the scrubber must be scrubbed with a Doodlebug type tool with a 3M Scotch-Brite Surface Preparation pad.
- Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.
- Spray buff the Landing Tile by misting the tile with S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner (spray-buff solution one part S-485 to 32 parts water). Using a low-speed floor machine, buff the tile making a minimum of 5 passes, with a 3M 3500 Natural Blend Tan pad until the area is cleaned and visually acceptable. Areas that cannot be reached by the scrubber must be scrubbed with a Doodlebug type tool with a 3M Scotch-Brite Surface Preparation pad. Repeat if necessary.

Daily / Regular Maintenance

- Sweep, dust mop or vacuum the Landing Tile to remove all loose dust, dirt, grit, and debris.
- Damp mop the floor with a proper diluted neutral (pH 6 to 8) detergent solution, like S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner.
- Allow the Landing Tile to dry.

Periodic Maintenance

- When needed, after sweeping, dust mopping, or vacuuming, machine scrub the Landing Tile with a properly diluted neutral detergent solution, like S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner and a 3M red pad or equivalent brush.
- Thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water. Remove rinse water and allow the floor to dry completely.

We recommend using the following accessories and equipment as part of a regular and well-planned maintenance program to ensure a beautiful floor and increase its service life.

- Wet mops (microfiber, cotton, synthetic blend)
- Dry mops (microfiber, rayon, polyester, acrylic)
- Polish applicators (optional)



• Use a 3M® 5100 red pad or equivalent brush or pad for a light scrub



• Use a 3M 5300 blue pad or equivalent brush or pad for a deep scrub



• Use a 3M® 5100 natural blend tan or equivalent brush or pad for a light scrub



• S-480 Commercial Floor Polish



• S-485 Commercial Floor Cleaner



• S-495 Commercial Floor Sealer



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