



## COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE: EXPONA LVT

Polyflor recommends CAREFREE Matte Floor Finish, STRIDE™ Floor Cleaner and FREEDOM™ Floor Stripper, manufactured by Johnson Wax Professional, Racine WI 53403-5011 USA tel: (800) 558-2332 for use in all approved commercial locations.

Maintenance systems must be specific to many different criteria including but not limited to:

- Volume
- Type of traffic
- Desired gloss levels
- Frequency of maintenance
- Equipment available to perform the maintenance operation

For questions regarding proper maintenance protocol based on your facilities needs, please contact Johnson Wax Professional at (800) 558-2332. These instructions provided are intended to provide general guidelines and are not specific instructions from Johnson Wax Professional. Always follow the manufacturer's specific instructions and comply with all Local, Federal, State, and printed guidelines. Comply with all safety warnings.

Polyflor recommends Scotch-Brite Floor Pads manufactured by 3M, St. Paul Minnesota 55144-1000, USA tel: (800) 626-8578 for use in conjunction with standard and / or high speed (maximum 1,000 rpm) rotary floor cleaning machines. As with Johnson Wax Professional, the following instructions are general guidelines and are not specific instructions on behalf of 3M Company. Please contact 3M with any specific instructional guidance. Always comply with manufacturer's safety warnings and guidelines.

1. Allow adhesive to properly bond (set up) before washing the new floor. Wait a minimum of 48 hours before commencing any rinsing or washing routine. Keep all traffic to a minimum during this initial period.
2. For Polyflor products with a factory applied polyurethane surface:
  - a. After adhesive has properly made a bond with the substrate, wash the entire floor with a mild detergent and rinse with clean water. Be careful not to flood the floor as this may interfere with the adhesive bond.
  - b. For retail and other heavy traffic areas, you may apply 3 – 5 thin coats of floor finish as directed on the label. This will provide extra protection for the floor's surface. Additional thin coats will help protect the floor's surface in heavy traffic areas.
3. **For Polyflor products without a factory applied polyurethane:**
  - a. After adhesive has properly bonded with the substrate, wash the entire floor with the recommended floor stripper. Be careful not to flood the floor as this may interfere with the adhesive bond. Then apply 3 – 5 thin coats of floor finish as directed on the label. This will provide extra protection for the floor's surface. Additional thin coats will help protect the floor's surface in heavy traffic areas.
4. Sweep or lightly mop (if desired) the floor daily to remove any dirt or grit that could scratch the floor's surface and become permanently embedded in the wear surface.
5. Spills, if left un-managed, can permanently damage your floors surface. Wipe up all spills immediately using a clean, damp cloth and / or properly diluted floor cleaner. A slightly alkaline cleaner is recommended for greasy spills. Please contact Johnson Wax Professional at (800) 558-2332 if further assistance is required.

6. If necessary, damp mop the floor daily with the recommended neutral floor cleaner to maintain a “like new” appearance and preserve the surface of the floor.
7. If spray buffing is preferred, use a light colored pad such as a tan pad. Something with a soft feel.
8. If the recommended floor finish has been applied, dry buffing using a tan pad will help retain the products surface sheen.
  - a. Note: When using ultra high speed machines, the operator must be well trained. If not, damage to floors may result. Using brown or black color coded pads is not recommended for maintaining Polyflor Expona LVT floors.
9. Expona’s surface can be restored / renewed by applying additional thin coats of floor finish to a clean floor making sure to follow all instructions on the label. Frequency of this procedure depends on use and traffic levels.
10. Depending on overall use and traffic, once or twice per year on average, remove all old finish and soil with the recommended floor Stripper. This may be done manually or with a rotary machine. Polyflor recommends that no heavier color coded pad than a GREEN pad be used for this operation in conjunction with a standard or high speed machine. When the floor is completely dry (may use floor fans to aid in dry time), apply 3 – 5 thin coats of the recommended floor finish as instructed on the container label. For embossed surfaces, use natural fiber brushes to completely conform to all embossed floor areas for a consistent, equal application.



## **WARNING**

**When using a buffer you may occasionally buff floors other than Polyflor resilient floors. If the other floors are vinyl asbestos tile which contain asbestos fibers and are maintained improperly, they could release asbestos fibers into the air. Polyflor Resilient Floors do not contain asbestos. Breathing asbestos fibers is hazardous to your health. When you are unsure whether or not the floor covering contains asbestos, STOP. Check with the manufacturer to insure that it does not contain asbestos. NEVER dry buff flooring that contains asbestos.**