

THE GUIDE TO CLEANING A HARLEQUIN VINYL DANCE FLOOR

HOW TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR YOUR HARLEQUIN VINYL DANCE FLOOR

CLEANING METHOD 1 (Cleaning new and unpolished floors)

Initially, all new vinyls should be cleaned with Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner. Thereafter, Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner can be used as your routine general cleaner. How often you clean your floor will depend upon the level of soil.

CLEANING METHOD 2 (Cleaning and applying an emulsion dressing)

You may wish to use Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing to add a long-lasting, tough protective coating to your vinyl floor. This can be used on any of our vinyl dance surfaces except Harlequin Fiesta™, Harlequin Hi-Shine™ and Harlequin Showfloor™; please follow **cleaning method 1** in these instances.

INITIAL APPLICATIONS ONLY

- Clean the floor using Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner.
- Coat the vinyl with Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing. This is usually reapplied once or twice a year and is utilised by those with a floor intended for multi-purpose use or a dance floor that's more aggressively used e.g. for percussive, street, jazz, etc.

ROUTINE CLEANING

After following the initial application above, you can continue to care and maintain your vinyl floor by using Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer as your regular cleaner.

PLEASE NOTE: Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer aren't generally used on floors that are used purely for contemporary dance and ballet, as they add a film which can affect the slip resistance of the vinyl. However, they can be used together to protect and provide longevity for the floor, so the decision is really one of preference.

POLISH REMOVAL

If you have used Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer, the build-up of both solutions will need to be removed by Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover.

We recommend that this is undertaken once or twice a year, e.g. at the beginning of term.

PLEASE NOTE: It is recommended that Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover only be used when removing the build up of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer, although we have found that it can be used effectively as a separate deep cleaner to clean EXTREMELY dirty floors.

Once you have completed the deep clean, you can reapply fresh coatings of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer.

CLEANING YOUR HARLEQUIN VINYL FLOOR

General cleaning instructions are detailed below and are intended for guidance only. For your specific cleaning requirements, please follow the instructions on the cleaning product labels.

Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner is a highly effective hard surface cleaner that removes marks caused by residue/film present after the manufacturing process or by the fitting process. A 5 litre container should provide coverage for approximately 500m² when diluted.

- Prior to cleaning, sweep or vacuum the vinyl to remove any loose dirt and dust.
- Dilute the Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner:
 - For an effective bactericide, use at up to 100ml per 5 litres of water.
 - For use through high pressure washers, use at up to 25ml per 5 litres of water.
- The diluted solution can be mopped on and then scrubbed using an octopus tool, or used through a scrubbing machine.
- Rinse with clean water and allow to thoroughly dry.

Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing is an acrylic emulsion dressing, giving a long-lasting, tough protective coating. A 5 litre container should provide coverage for approximately 250m².

- On a completely clean and dry floor, apply the first coat of undiluted Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing with a mop or pad, ensuring the vinyl is thinly and evenly coated.
- Allow the first coat to dry completely, which could take at least 40 minutes depending upon the size of the room, before repeating with a second coat, working at right angles to the first coat.
- If a third coat is required, ensure the previous two coats are thoroughly dry.

Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer is an antibacterial cleanser which leaves behind a protective coating to keep the floor looking good for longer periods. It increases scuff resistance and maintains the layers of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing. A 5 litre container should provide coverage for approximately 200m² when diluted.

- Once the coats of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing are applied and have fully dried, dilute the Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer. For mopping and regular cleaning use 100ml per 5 litres of water.
- Apply one coat of Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer.
- Leave to dry completely. This could take 2-3 hours but will depend upon the size of the room.
- If a shiny finish is required, dilute in cold water and buff after application.

Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover is a concentrated and efficient cleaner, designed to cut through and remove old emulsion Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing build-up, before new coatings of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer are applied. A 5 litre container should provide coverage for approximately 100m² to 150m² when diluted.

- Prior to cleaning, sweep or vacuum the vinyl to remove any loose dirt and dust.
- Dilute the Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover, depending upon degree of soil:
 - For regular maintenance use 25-50ml per 5 litres of hot water.
 - For heavy duty cleaning use 100-350ml per 5 litres of hot water.
- Mop on or use a scrubbing machine and leave for 2-5 minutes. The solution will turn white when the Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover is working. Scrub with the octopus floor tool if necessary and remove residue with a mop.
- Rinse thoroughly with water. When the vinyl is dry, you can reapply fresh coatings of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer. The floor is then ready for use again.

If the Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing is applied before the vinyl is dry, or if residue from the Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover is still present, the Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing will appear patchy and white. In this instance, you will need to remove all the layers with Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover and ensure the floor is completely clean and dry before applying fresh coatings of Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing and Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer.

REMOVING STUBBORN MARKS

Common marks which are difficult to remove are shoe scuffs and heel marks. If the Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner is not effective on individual stubborn marks, it may be possible to remove these with methylated spirit on a dry cloth. Ensure that any residue is removed with clean water and then dry the floor. Your Harlequin floor will be damaged if you use strong solvents such as petrol or acetone. Do check with us first if you're not sure!

USE OF COMMERCIAL BUFFERS/STRIPPERS

Mechanical cleaners can be used, although Harlequin does not recommend a particular make. Nylon pads are graded by colour, with the darker the colour the rougher the pad. It is recommended that red be the most abrasive pad used on the vinyl. It is also important to never use the machine dry, otherwise heat will build up and damage the vinyl.

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

These are available for all Harlequin cleaning liquids and can be downloaded from our website. Alternatively, contact our sales team for PDF copies.

HARLEQUIN'S CLEANING & MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS

The following can be purchased online at www.harlequinshop.com or by contacting our sales team.

- **Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner** - 1 litre and 5 litre containers.
- **Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing** - 5 litre container.
- **Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer** - 5 litre container.
- **Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover** - 5 litre container.
- **Harlequin yarn mop heads** - pack of three.
- **Harlequin doodlebug/octopus floor scrubbing kit** - 1 x tool head, 2 x white pads and 1 x blue pad.
- **Harlequin cleaning method 1 - starter kit A1** - 1 x 1 litre Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner, 3 x yarn mop heads, 1 x octopus scrubbing kit (1 x tool head, 2 x white floor scrubbing pads and 1 x blue floor scrubbing pad).
- **Harlequin cleaning method 1 - starter kit B1** - 2 x 1 litre Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner, 3 x yarn mop heads, 1 x octopus scrubbing kit (1 x tool head, 2 x white floor scrubbing pads and 1 x blue floor scrubbing pad).
- **Harlequin cleaning method 1 - starter kit C1** - 1 x 5 litre Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner, 3 x yarn mop heads, 1 x octopus scrubbing kit (1 x tool head, 2 x white floor scrubbing pads and 1 x blue floor scrubbing pad).
- **Harlequin cleaning method 2 - starter kit A2** - 1 x 1 litre Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner, 1 x 5 litre container of each of the following: Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing, Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer, Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover, 3 x yarn mop heads, 1 x octopus floor scrubbing kit (1 x tool head, 2 x white floor scrubbing pads and 1 x blue floor scrubbing pad).
- **Harlequin cleaning method 2 - starter kit B2** - 2 x 1 litre Harlequin vinyl dance floor cleaner, 1 x 5 litre container of each of the following: Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing, Harlequin vinyl dance floor maintainer, Harlequin vinyl dance floor dressing remover, 3 x yarn mop heads, 1 x octopus floor scrubbing kit (1 x tool head, 2 x white floor scrubbing pads and 1 x blue floor scrubbing pad).
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