

# 500-L Sheet Rubber - Product Maintenance

Musson sheet rubber flooring is among the most cost-effective resilient flooring to maintain. Regular dry dusting and mopping with a mild cleaner combined with periodic buffing and stripping (as needed) is all you need to keep Musson sheet rubber flooring beautiful for years! Beyond a mild cleaner, no special chemicals are needed at all. The rubber flooring will permit sanitizers, such as full strength bleach, to be used with no adverse affects.

## Stripping

**Why do it:** A new rubber floor should be stripped after it is installed to remove lubricant applied during manufacturing. Otherwise, as a general rule, Musson sheet rubber flooring does not need to be stripped. However, because waxes and finishes from other flooring may be tracked onto your rubber flooring, occasional stripping of your floor might be needed.

**When to do it:** After the installation of new rubber flooring to remove lubricant applied during manufacturing and as needed. **How to do it:** Follow the stripper manufacturer's recommended stripping procedure and recommended scrubbing pad.

## General Cleaning

**Why do it:** Cleaning protects your floor from ground in dirt. Most of the time you will clean your floor instead of stripping. **When to do it:** As needed.

**How to do it:** Clean floor thoroughly with a good grade of mild detergent cleaner. Use cleaner manufacturer's recommended cleaning procedure.

## Neutralize

**Why do it:** Strippers and detergents will try to "keep working" until neutralized. This can result in discoloration because of residue on flooring.

**When to do it:** After stripping or cleaning.

**How to do it:** While stripper or detergent is still wet on floor, add minimum 10 percent solution of liquid chlorine bleach. Vacuum, mop or squeegee the neutralized solution from floor. Then follow Steps 3 through 5 in the "Five Steps to Maintaining a Great Looking Floor" listed below.

## Rinse

**Why do it:** Rinsing removes the neutralized stripper or soap solution along with the dirt from the floor. If you do not rinse, any dirt "lifted" from floor will just be redeposited as the solution dries.

**When to do it:** After any stripping or cleaning procedure.

**How to do it:** Rinse neutralized stripper or soap solution from floor with clean warm water (may need more than one rinse).

## Buffing

**Why do it:** Buffing rubber flooring helps the floor to maintain its high luster appearance. Because of the oxidation properties of Musson sheet rubber compound, each buffing session will make your floor shinier than the last time. Over time, you will find that you will need to buff your floor less and less!

**When to do it:** After stripping and mopping a new rubber floor and as needed. Buff only after cleaning.

**How to do it:** After mopping your floor and letting it dry thoroughly, buff using an ultra high-speed buffer with a "red" pad. A light mist of clear water ahead of the buffer helps to develop sheen. After sheen is developed, a higher gloss may be obtained with a "white" super-polishing pad. Dry dust if necessary. As noted above, new rubber flooring will require more frequent buffing until a high sheen is established.

## Dry Dusting

**Why do it:** Dry dusting should be a part of your regular maintenance schedule to remove loose dirt or dust from the floor surface.

**When to do it:** After buffing or as needed. **How to do it:** Follow duster manufacturer's instructions.

**Note:** Do not use dusters treated with mineral oil or other petroleum products. Five Steps To Maintaining A Great Looking Floor These steps should be followed immediately after installing Musson sheet rubber flooring:

**Step 1 - Strip:** Using the stripper manufacturer's recommended stripping procedure and scrubbing pad, thoroughly machine strip and scrub your new floor. Clean: (Note: Cleaning is not a substitute for the stripping required on new rubber flooring) Clean floor using a mild detergent following the detergent manufacturer's recommended procedures.

**Step 2 - Neutralize:** Neutralize the stripper with a minimum 10% solution of liquid chlorine bleach. Vacuum, mop or squeegee the neutralized solution from the floor.

**Step 3 - Rinse:** Rinse the floor surface clean warm water (may need two or more rinses).

**Step 4 - Buff:** Once the floor is dry, buff using an ultra high-speed buffer with a "red" pad. A light mist of clear water ahead of the buffer helps to develop sheen. After sheen is developed, a higher gloss may be obtained with a "white" super polishing pad. Note that new rubber flooring will require more frequent buffing until a high sheen is established.