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**What is it?** Vinyl composition tile (VCT) is a finished flooring material, used primarily in commercial products sold since the early 1980s. Composed of coloured polyvinyl chloride (PVC) chips formed into solid sheets by heat and pressure. Thickness can vary,  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch (3.175mm) is the most common.

**How to identify it?** Vinyl has an embossed pattern on the surface, whereas the pattern on linoleum goes all the way through the material. If the surface of vinyl wears, the pattern disappears. The pattern on linoleum on the other hand, remains until a hole develops.

**Often used in?** Schools, Domestic Dwellings, Village Halls, Restaurants, Public Buildings, Offices, Banks, Industrial.

**How to Clean** Chemicals with a pH of 7-8 unless stripping a seal.



When to Clean	Mop / Vacuum	Rotary	Scrubber Dryer
<b>Day to day</b>	Pick up and dispose of debris. Remove gum from floor. With brush or dust mop sweep up accumulated soil and dispose into dust pan. Place out 'Warning Sign', clean spills with manufacturers' recommended cleaner and remove any moisture from the floor. Vacuum floor mats. Remove floor signs when safe to do so.	Not needed for day to day cleaning, consult cleaning schedule.	Not needed for day to day cleaning, consult cleaning schedule.
<b>Routine</b>	Not needed for routine cleaning, consult cleaning schedule.	Follow Scrubber Dryer cleaning instructions, depending on the size of the area to be cleaned. You may require a wet vacuum to pick up excess water. If flooring has a seal and cleaning schedule requires buffing follow manufacturers' recommendations for this procedure.	As and when cleaning schedule demands. Depending on through traffic and area, cleaning can range from weekly/fortnightly to monthly. Only use recommended brushes or pads.

## Do's ✓

- Do always put out warning signs.
- Do use recommended cleaning products.
- Do make sure floors are dust mopped before any other cleaning operation.
- Do use barrier matting when possible.

## Don'ts ✗

- Don't use excessive amounts of water.
- Don't use strong alkaline or strong acid products.
- Don't use any pad or brush that may scratch flooring.

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