

# Roppe Tuflex® Recycled Rubber Tile



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## Maintenance

### 7.1 Required Initial Maintenance

#### 7.1.1 Tuflex TC-1 Rubber Tile Cleaner

Tuflex TC-1 Rubber Tile Cleaner is a low foaming neutral pH cleaner specifically formulated to clean Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile & Feature Strips prior to applying Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer and Finish. TC-1 is also recommended to clean unsealed and previously sealed Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips. TC-1's concentrated formula also leaves the surface film free. TC-1 Rubber Tile Cleaner complies with SCAQMD and CARB VOC Limits for general purpose cleaners. TC-1 is recommended for interior and exterior cleaning. TC-1 is available in both gallon & 5 gallon containers. Keep From Freezing. NOTE: Water or other foreign substances will cause any floor finish to become slippery. ALWAYS use a "Wet Floor" sign when moisture is present. SAFETY DATA: CAUTION: MAY CAUSE EYE OR SKIN IRRITATION. MAY BE HARMFUL IF INGESTED.

#### 7.1.2 Required Initial Maintenance

Due to the natural tendencies of recycled rubber, all interior installations of Tuflex Rubber Tiles (Titan and Spartus) are required to be cleaned and sealed upon completion of the installation using the recommended procedures and products listed within this document. All exterior installations of Tuflex Tile (Titan and Spartus) must be cleaned only upon completion of the installation using the recommended procedures and products listed within this document. Do not apply any cleaners, sealers or strippers to Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile or Feature Strips not specifically listed within this document. DO NOT scrub, buff or mop Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips for at least 24 hours after installation to allow the adhesive to properly cure. To prevent adhesive and/or flooring failure, DO NOT flood the floor when cleaning and DO NOT allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring. Interior installations of Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile & Feature Strips must be properly cleaned using Tuflex TC-1, & sealed using Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer and Finish before the flooring is released for normal use. Caution: Do not apply TF-2 Combination Sealer and Finish to Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile or Feature Strips installed outdoors, however initial & continuing cleaning with TC-1 is required. Remove any covering, tape etc. used to protect the floor during installation. Sweep and vacuum to remove dirt and other particulates; scrub with Tuflex TC-1 Cleaner diluted one-part TC-1 to five parts of warm water, using an auto-scrubber(soft bristle)(DO NOT heel the scrubbing machine) or a sponge mop. Allow TC-1 Cleaner to stand 5 to 10 minutes on the flooring surface. Remove all soil lifted by the TC-1 using an auto-scrubber or a with a clean damp sponge mop. Continue rinsing TC-1 solution until the rinse water is clear using a clean damp sponge mop or wet/dry vacuum. Allow flooring to dry completely. Then apply Tuflex TF-2 according to label directions (see below). Notice: Always test in an inconspicuous area to ensure desired results can be achieved and tile damage does not occur. Then apply Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish according to label directions. **Caution:** When wet, the flooring will become slippery; therefore, use the appropriate warning signs on the flooring to eliminate foot or other traffic.



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#### 7.1.3 General Cleaning

For regular cleaning of sealed Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile & Feature Strips, as well as Non-Sealed Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile & Feature Strips, dilute 1 - 2 oz. per gallon. Apply with sponge mop or auto-scrubber. Scrub as necessary. (Do not heel machine.) Rinse with hot or cold water.

#### 7.1.4 Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish

Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish is specifically designed for sealing interior installations of Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips. TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish is manufactured with advanced floor finish polymers which provides excellent repairability, re-coat, slip, water, detergent and black heel mark resistance. Repairs quickly with all types of equipment. Product is non-yellowing. TF-2 is recommended for Interior Use Only! Do not seal Tuflex tile installed outdoors. TF-2 complies with SCAQMD and CARB VOC Limits for coating of resilient tile. TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish Exceeds industry standards for static coefficient of friction (ASTM 2047/82). TF-2 is available in both gallon & 5 gallon containers. Keep From Freezing. SAFETY DATA CAUTION: Keep out of reach of children. Do not swallow. May cause nausea. See Material Safety Data Sheet for further information. FIRST AID: For eye contact, flush eye well with water and call a physician. If swallowed, get immediate medical attention. NOTE: Water or other foreign substances will cause any floor finish to become slippery. ALWAYS use a "Wet Floor" sign when moisture is present.

#### 7.1.5 Initial Required Finish Application & Subsequent to Initial Finish Application

DO NOT scrub, buff or mop Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips for at least 24 hours after installation to allow the adhesive to properly cure. To prevent adhesive and/or flooring failure, DO NOT flood the floor when cleaning and DO NOT allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring. Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips must be properly cleaned using Tuflex TC-1, & interior installations sealed using Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish before the flooring is released for normal use. Clean newly installed interior and exterior Tuflex with Tuflex TC-1 according to label direction. Allow floor to dry completely. Apply Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish to interior installations of Tuflex, prior to allowing traffic, to protect against embedded soil and dirt. TF-2 is to be diluted one part TF-2 to three parts of water. Apply finish with mop or lambs wool applicator. Allow the finish to completely dry for twelve (12) hours before subjecting to traffic. The initial finish treatment is required for interior installation only, and should be allowed to cure for a minimum of thirty (30) days. After thirty (30) days, the owner may remove the finish or apply additional finish as directed in Subsequent to Initial Finish Application Section. **Note:** TF-2 and other finishes can be marked by skate blades, cleats etc, even though the Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips are not damaged. TF-2 does not prevent black heel marks. **Caution:** When wet, the flooring will become slippery; therefore, use the appropriate warning signs on the flooring to eliminate foot or other traffic. **Notice:** Always test in an inconspicuous area to ensure desired results can be achieved and tile damage does not occur.

#### 7.1.6 Subsequent to Initial Finish Application

Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish is a versatile, protective, polymeric, micro-thin film



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which will provide a matte, semi-gloss or glossy finish depending on dilution ratio for Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips. TF-2 makes cleaning easier, reduces staining, improves the appearance and protects against the damaging effects of abrasive dirt. After initial finish treatment, allow TF-2 to completely dry for twelve (12) hours before subjecting to traffic. The initial finish treatment is required and should be allowed to cure for a minimum of thirty (30) days. After thirty (30) days, the owner may remove the finish or apply additional finish at their discretion. If removing the finish, use Tuflex TS-3 Rubber Tile Finish Stripper. For continued use of maintenance coats of Tuflex TF-2 Finish dilute one part of TF-2 to three parts cool water for a Matte Finish. For a Semi-Gloss finish, dilute one part TF-2 to one part of cool water. For a Glossy Finish, apply one-coat of TF-2 un-diluted with a lamb's wool applicator. TF-2 can be marked by golf spikes, weights and skate blades, etc, even though the Tuflex Tile is not damaged in any way.

#### 7.1.7 TS-3 Rubber Tile Finish Stripper

TS-3 Finish Stripper is an innovative, deep penetrating stripper design to remove Tuflex TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish from interior installations of Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile and Feature Strips. TS-3 is available in both gallon & 5 gallon containers. Do Not use on unsealed Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile or Feature Strips. Keep from freezing. **Caution:** When wet, the flooring will become slippery; therefore, use the appropriate warning signs on the flooring to eliminate foot or other traffic. SAFETY DATA Harmful or fatal if swallowed. May cause skin or eye damage if not promptly treated. Wear eye protection and resistant (rubber) gloves when handling. May cause respiratory tract irritation, if inhaled. Use only with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapor, spray or mist. If necessary to prevent exposure, wear approved respiratory protection. Combustible ADDITIONAL PRECAUTION Wet floors are extremely slippery. Keep all pedestrian traffic away from floor until dry.

#### 7.1.8 Periodic Stripping of TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish

To remove heavy soiling, grease and dirt build-up from TS-2 Combination Sealer & Finish, strip with Tuflex TS-3 Stripper. TS-3 must be diluted with water. For Interior Use Only! To prevent product damage, do not apply TS-3 Stripper directly to un-sealed Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile or Feature Strips. For moderate or average buildup, dilute one part TS-3 with five parts of water. NOTE: For compliance with CARB requirements, California users must dilute with 11 parts water for light to medium buildup. Do Not use on unsealed Tuflex Recycled Rubber Tile or Feature Strips. For tougher heavy build up, dilute one part TS-3 with three parts water. Diluted TS-3 is to be applied liberally with a sponge mop or standard soft-bristle scrub brush or automatic scrubber (soft-bristle). Allow solution to stand 5 to 10 minutes, but not longer, to loosen the old finish. California users may need longer dwell time. For tougher soils/stains scrub lightly with soft brushes. Remove the dissolved finish/soil with a sponge mop or with a wet/dry vacuum. After the floor has been thoroughly cleaned, rinse with clean water using a sponge mop. Allow the floor to dry completely before applying TF-2 Combination Sealer & Finish, if desired. To prevent adhesive and/or flooring failure, DO NOT flood the floor when cleaning and DO NOT allow the stripper or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring. Notice: Always test in an inconspicuous area to ensure desired results can be achieved and tile damage does not occur.



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### 7.1.8 Tuflex Maintenance Products – Available Sizes, Approximate Coverage & Weights

Product	Approx Sq/Ft Coverage	Sizes	Weight
Tuflex TC-1 Cleaner	2,000	One-Gallon	10 lbs.
Tuflex TC-1 Cleaner	10,000	Five-Gallon	50 lbs.
Tuflex TF-2 Finish	1,500	One-Gallon	10 lbs.
Tuflex TF-2 Finish	7,500	Five-Gallon	50 lbs.
Tuflex TS-3 Stripper	1,000	One-Gallon	10 lbs.
Tuflex TS-3 Stripper	5,000	Five-Gallon	50 lbs.

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