

Resilient floor coverings - part 2

Making resilient vinyl flooring products

This presentation will look at heterogeneous and homogeneous vinyl manufacturing plus cleaning



Homogeneous sheet vinyl



Heterogeneous vinyl plank - LVP

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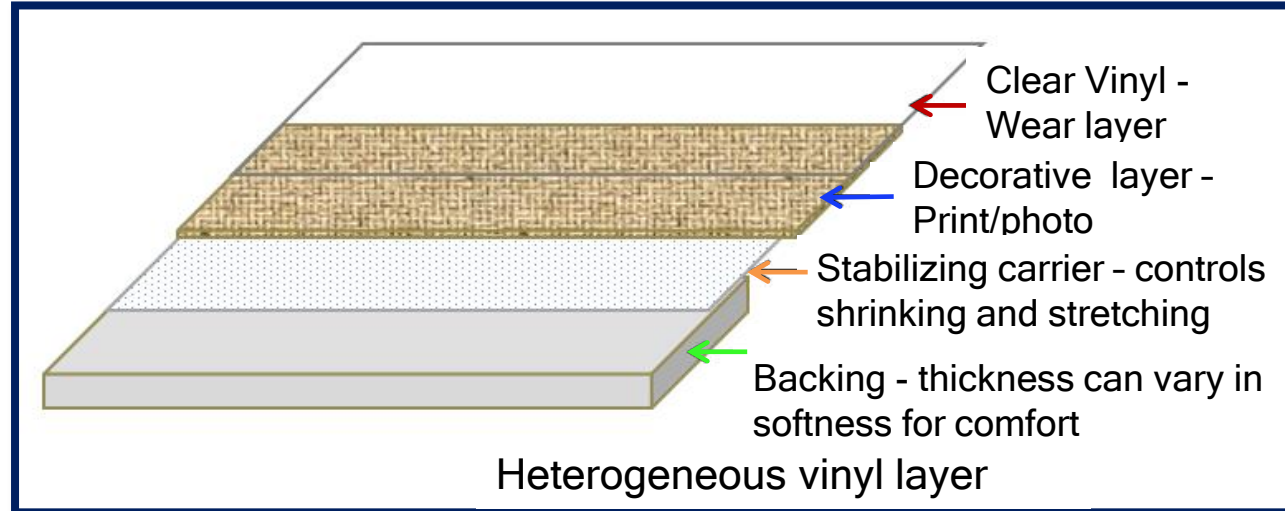
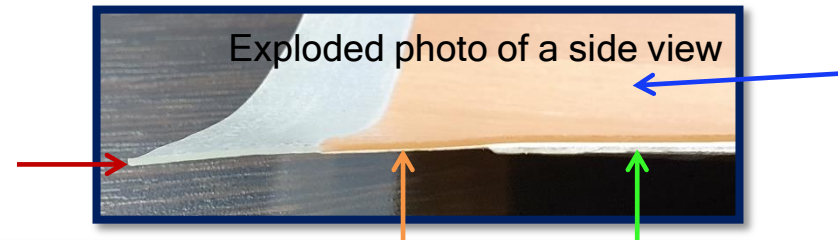


Vinyl sheet make up

Mainly Polyvinyl resins - Most common PVC



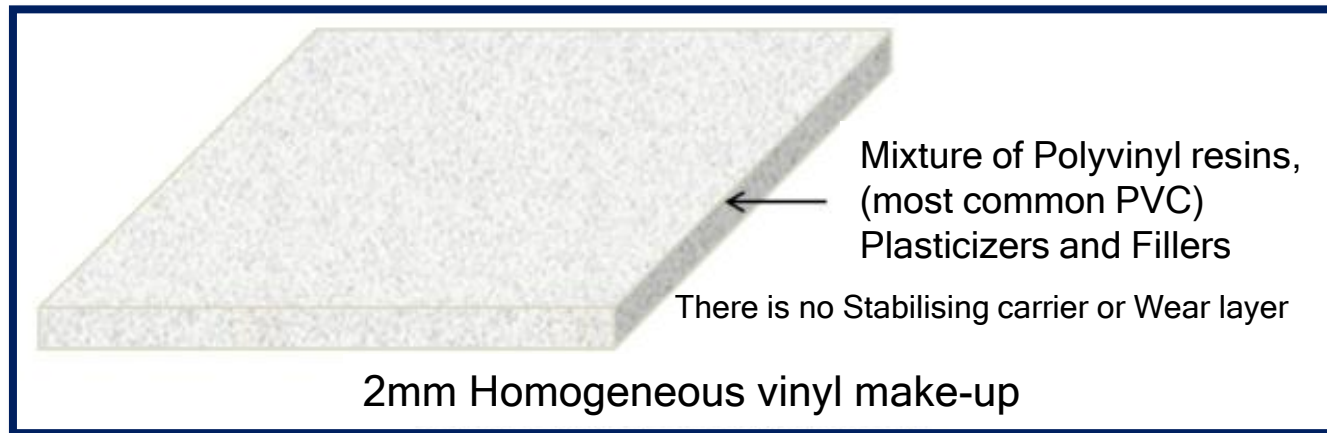
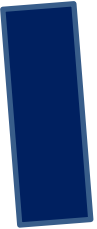
Heterogeneous - more than one layer



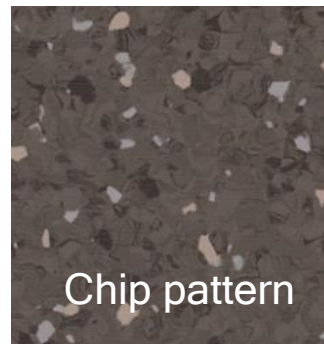
For both Residential and Commercial areas

Vinyl sheet make up

Homogeneous - one solid layer

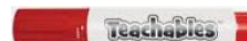


Marble pattern



Chip pattern

For Commercial areas



Making homogeneous chip vinyl



Pallets of coloured PVC and fillers

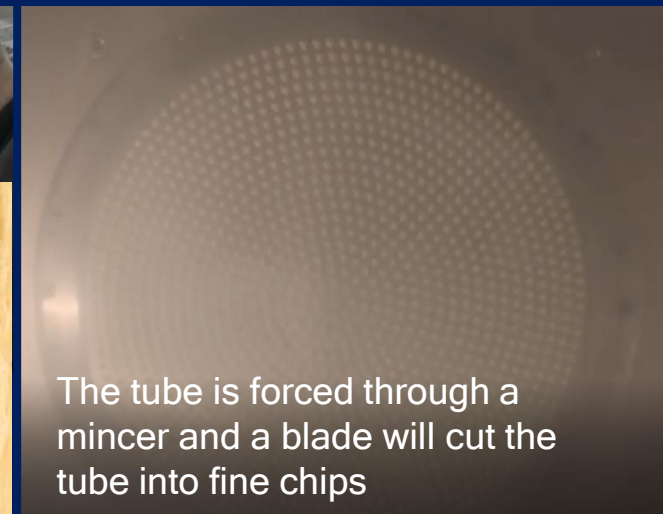


Clear PVC chips can be added



Melted into a soft tube

Other colours could be added to the tube to produce a marble look



The tube is forced through a mincer and a blade will cut the tube into fine chips



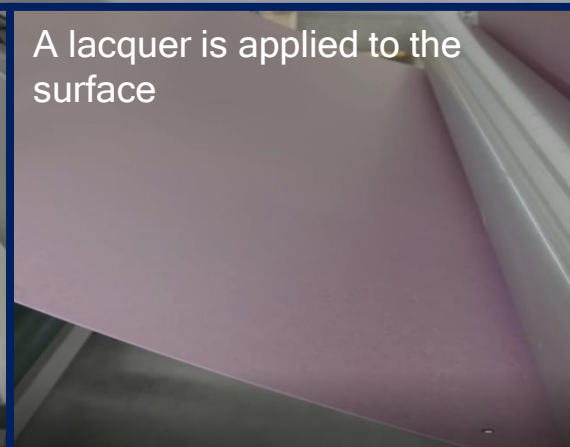
Chips are layered out on a steel band



The chips are melted between two steel bands



A lacquer is applied to the surface

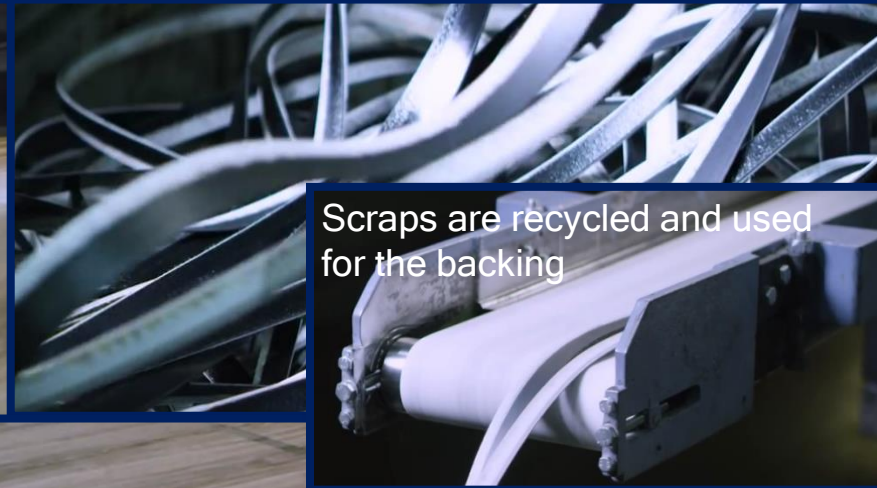


The finished sheet is relaxed and trimmed

Making vinyl plank LVP



Similar process to making heterogeneous sheet vinyl - Clear PVC wear layer, print/photo and stabilising carrier



Scraps are recycled and used for the backing



The sheet is heated to soften then cut by ultra sonic knife



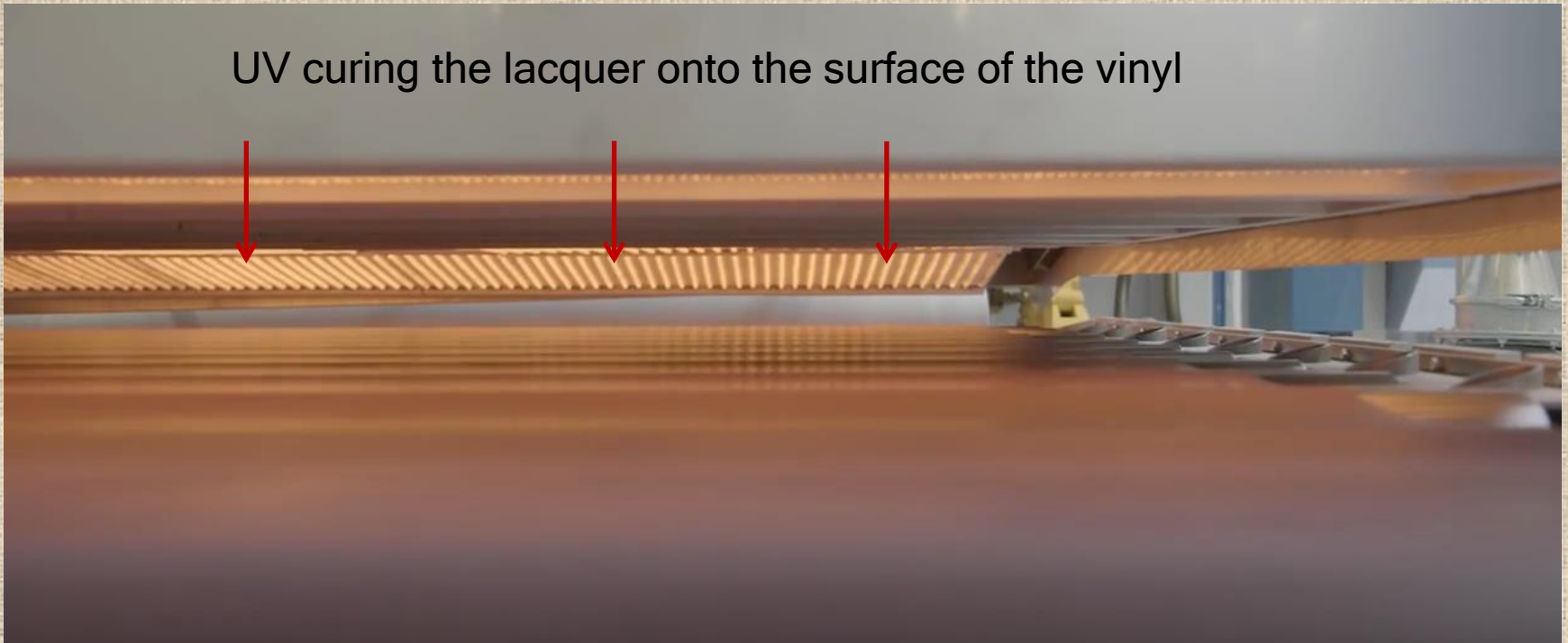
The plank edges are bevelled

Applying a factory finish lacquer to vinyl

The common terminology for lacquers are Poly Urethane Reinforced (PUR) or Polyurethane (PU)

These are designed for easy cleaning, low maintenance

UV curing the lacquer onto the surface of the vinyl



Maintaining a factory applied coating

The procedure involves



Mopping



Or Scrubbing



Red pad to remove fine scratches



White pad final buff



After drying, dry buff

The combination of friction with the nylon pad, PVC and laquer creates a low sheen finish

Applying a coating onsite after installation

- Cheaper floor coverings will need a protective coating applied after the installation.

While these floor coverings are cheap to purchase, they can be expensive to maintain. Supermarket VCT tiled floors are an example

Future maintenance

Wash or strip existing polish

Apply the polish

Buff to shine and maintain



Maintaining residential vinyl

Residential vinyls have a coating applied to the wear layer

- Mopping for regular maintenance,
- May need a scrub for periodic maintenance

Maintain with a residue free cleaner

Scrubbing brush and water to remove residue



Residue build-up

Not cleaned correctly