

## Tips and tricks from Armstrong DLW

If you are trying to solve a tricky problem, or need the advice of our technical advisors, do not hesitate to contact our Technical Advisory Department. The team will be happy to help you.

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### **Subject no. 6: Repairing holes and small scratches in Armstrong DLW linoleum**

A housewife is working in the kitchen and drops a big bread-knife point-downwards and it makes a hole in the linoleum floor. A removal man drags a heavy cupboard along the linoleum and this results in a long scratch.

This time Volker Weismann, a member of the Armstrong DLW Advisory Department in Bietigheim, will reveal to you the secret of how you can repair small holes and scratches in DLW linoleum.

1. Clean the holes all round the edge and the scratches by scraping them out lightly with a handcraft knife.
2. Then rub the holes or scratches with an absorbent cotton cloth and a little methylated spirits (but not with nitro-thinner!), and leave it to dry.
3. Use an offcut of the remaining floor covering and scrape the surface to make a fine dust.
4. Apply a small dose of instant adhesive (super glue) and scatter the dust onto it. Press it against the instant adhesive well, for instance with a hammer, but be careful – the instant adhesive must not be allowed to spill out of the hole. Repeat this process as often as necessary until the hole or scratch has been filled.
5. Once it has been filled, rub it down with 120-grade sandpaper and floor-care emulsion (thinned 1:1 with water), carefully and working in the right direction. Any residues must be removed with the crescent knife before the sandpaper is used.

If you try this process out first on an off-cut of the material it should not represent any kind of a problem, and the result will certainly be worthwhile

**All tips must first be tried out on off-cut material or in an inconspicuous place.**