



Hospital refurbishment benefits from a range of Tarkett Vinyls

Project: Monash Emergency Department, Melbourne

Product: Primo Premium, Primo Safe.T, Primo SD, Tapiflex Excellence 80, Wallgard 2.0mm

The refurbishment of Monash Emergency Department in Melbourne utilised five different Tarkett products, including specialised non-slip and static dissipative Vinyl.

'The objective was to bring the design in line with updated codes of practice, industry and Australian Standards,' says Josh Dovile, Project Manager at Trump Floorcoverings, 'as well as making the facility attractive to patients and medical staff.'

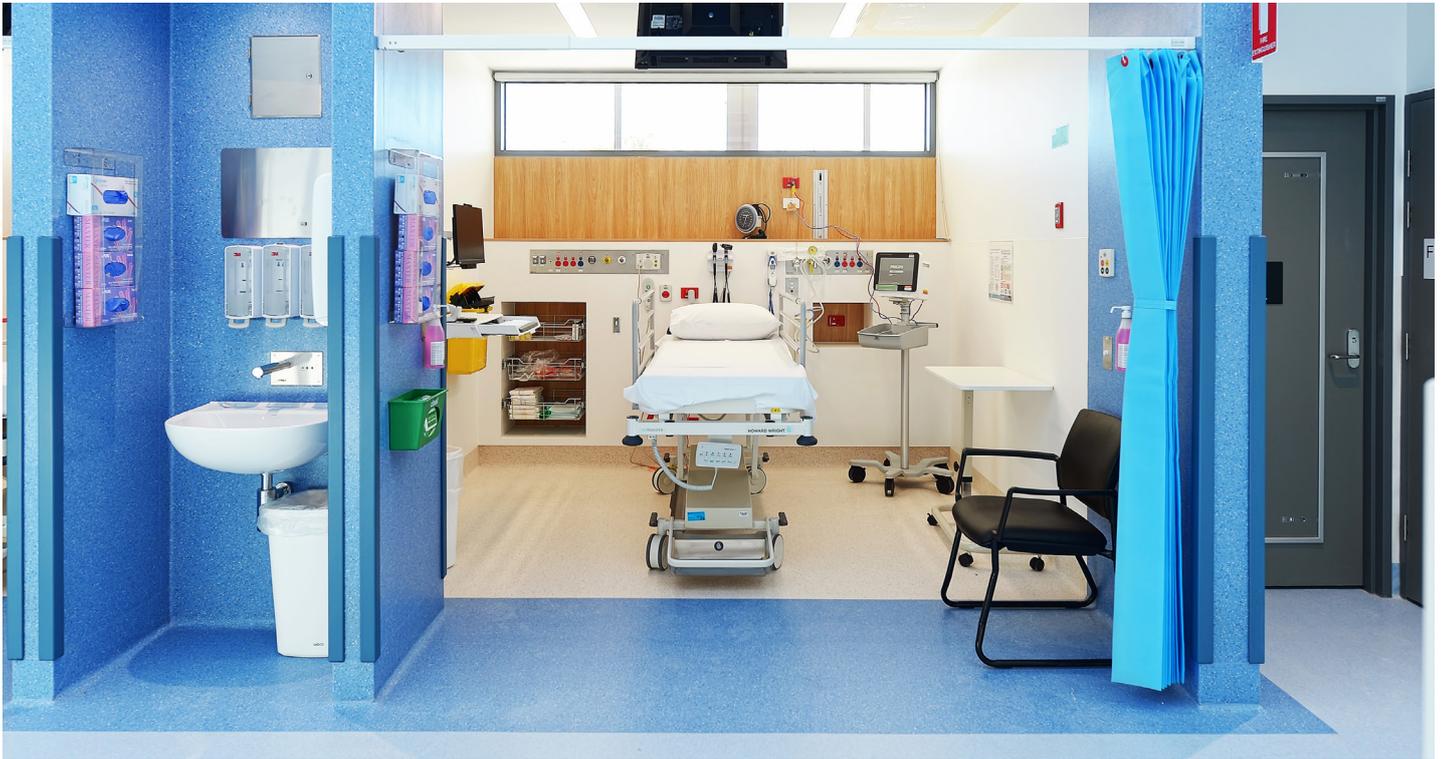
Along with the many technical requirements, the therapeutic value of colour was an integral part of the brief, says Josh. 'We used bright, vibrant colours to lift the mood and bring an element of positivity into what can be a very challenging time for people.'

The largest colour selection

Overall, the project required 6,500 sqm of Vinyl flooring, 4,600 sqm of Wall Vinyl and 4,000m of coving, with more than 20 different colours of Sheet Vinyl installed. 'Many were used as feature floor inserts, with some of the feature colours continuing from the floors up the adjoining walls' says Josh. 'This was technically challenging, but resulted in a great design outcome.'

Using the Primo Premium and Tapiflex Excellence 80 range helped meet that challenge. Tapiflex comes in 132 colours and designs – the largest range on the market. Primo Premium is available in a non-linear pattern with large colour chips, colour coordinated with the other products and accessories of the Premium multi-solution family, such as Primo Safe.T, which was also used on the project.

'Primo Premium is perfectly designed for heavy-traffic commercial and industrial applications such as education and healthcare facilities,' says Louisa Keleher, Tarkett's Victoria Specification Manager. 'It is a Homogeneous Vinyl flooring solution for areas where hygiene and resistance are key, and our PUR Reinforced Surface Treatment guarantees enhanced protection and easier maintenance.'



Ideal for challenging installations

With a construction process that had to work around the demands of a working hospital providing uninterrupted patient care, as well as contend with Covid restrictions, ease of installation for both walls and floors was paramount.

'Tarkett Sheet Vinyls are great to work with and are easy to handle,' says Josh. 'Many of the Tarkett floor Vinyls are fire rated for vertical installation also. The Vinyl Sheet wraps easily around and into corners, making it a preferred product for our installers to work with.'

In terms of installation, Tarkett's multi-coloured weld rod was especially useful when joining different-coloured products such as Tapiflex and Primo Premium together. 'Our installer likes working with Tarkett products,' says Josh, 'because they are so easy to cut and weld. In particular the multi-coloured weld gives a more seamless finish to the overall project than a solid weld would.'

Fit for purpose for a medical application

All of the products selected for the project had to fit the specific requirements of a healthcare facility with respect to acoustics, hygiene and safety. 'Tarkett Vinyl is perfect for a hospital installation as it is easy to cove up walls to allow better cleaning and maintenance for hygiene standards,' says Josh.

Tapiflex Excellence 80 is an extremely durable and acoustic Vinyl flooring solution for heavy traffic applications. Thanks to its high-density foam backing, it offers an excellent sound reduction of 19dB, good underfoot comfort and easy rollability. Tapiflex Excellence 80 is also treated with a trademarked Top Clean XP surface protection for extreme durability and cost-effective maintenance.

Wallgard Wallcovering is the perfect solution for areas that need special wall protection, such as wetrooms, clean rooms and heavy industrial environments. A PU-shield treatment provides high resistance against stains and chemicals and the smooth impervious surface delivers optimal hygiene and water tightness.



Specialised products for specific applications

Of the Primo Premium, Tapiflex and Wallgard products, Louisa says, 'overall these ranges are brilliant when used all together. They not only offer design flexibility through colour and surface finish options, but also provide a single warranty for the end user.'

As well as the products for general applications, Monash Emergency Department also required location-specific Vinyls, particularly for wetrooms, clean rooms and electrostatic discharge sensitive areas. For these, they chose a combination of Tarkett's Primo Safe.T and Primo SD.

Says Louisa, 'Primo Safe.T offered the appropriate slip resistance required for the project by combining best-in-class performance with low-cost maintenance to deliver an ideal solution for heavy duty commercial and wet areas. It provides a confident grip for bare feet and reduces the risk of slipping, even when covered with soap and water.'

Primo SD is the ideal permanent static-dissipative flooring for use in hospitals. It provides a perfect combination of stable and reliable static dissipation alongside a PUR reinforced treatment for improved ease of maintenance. Primo SD is available in a non-linear pattern with colours coordinated with the other products and accessories of the Premium multi-solution family.

Bringing it all together

For Trump Floorcoverings, the combination of Tarkett products meant they were able to achieve all of the project's requirements. 'The Tarkett range allows Australian standards to be maintained throughout the different areas of a hospital,' says Josh. 'The colours are interchangeable, giving seamless finishes between areas and allowing the overall design to flow throughout the building. And being able to continue the floor Vinyl up the walls as a feature sets this job apart from others we have completed, creating a highly aesthetically pleasing finish for both staff and patients alike.'