

## marmoleum® artoleum®



- Environmentally friendly
- Advanced water-based finish
- Significantly less cleaning and maintenance required
- Lowest whole life costs
- Better protection against dirt and scuff marks

### Initial site clean

**After installation the floor only needs cleaning, applying an initial polish is not necessary.**

Remove all debris, dirt and dust off the floor and clean the floor with a neutral floor cleaner.

Pick up dirty water with a wiper and mop or wet vacuum, rinse with clean water and allow floor to dry.

If required, dry buff the floor with a rotary machine and red pad.

### Mechanical floor care (Spray method)

#### Regular cleaning

- Wipe with a static (dust control) mop
- Remove spots with a (damp) mop and neutral detergent

#### Periodic cleaning

- Spray clean with a rotary machine and buffing pad – use spray only where necessary

#### Occasional maintenance/refurbishment

- Scrub with cleaner, rotary machine and scrubbing pad
- Pick up dirty water with a mop or wet vac
- Rinse thoroughly and allow floor to dry
- Full Spray with a rotary machine and buffing pad

### Manual floor care (Monel method)

#### Regular cleaning

- Wipe with a static (dust control) mop
- Remove spots with a (damp) mop and neutral detergent

#### Periodic cleaning

- Clean with a neutral detergent
- Apply Monel film with a damp mop

#### Occasional maintenance/refurbishment

- Scrub with a neutral detergent
- Pick up dirty water with a mop or wet vac
- Rinse thoroughly and allow floor to dry
- Apply Monel film

### Tips

In most situations you can just clean the floor and use. However, where intensive use is expected, you may wish to start the cleaning and maintenance program by carrying out a maintenance action i.e. Spray buff for mechanical cleaning or apply Monel for manual cleaning.

**For machine cleaning and maintenance, 150 to 300 rpm is perfectly suitable. For the Spray method, 300 to 500 rpm is the recommended speed for removing gloss irregularities and restoring the floor's original, optimum appearance.**

See reverse for further tips and advice on effective floor care.

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## Best Practice: Tips for effective floor care

### General advice

#### Cleaning

- Regular cleaning is more beneficial and cost effective than occasional heavy cleaning
- Always follow the Health and Safety guidance provided
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning products
- Use protective feet on chairs and tables to reduce scratching
- Remember that light colours may need to be cleaned more frequently

#### Use barrier matting

As much as 80% of dirt entering a building is brought in by foot traffic. Correct use of a good quality entrance barrier mat is recommended and can significantly reduce the volume of dirt reaching smooth floorcoverings; reducing maintenance costs and maximising appearance retention. It is generally accepted that a minimum area of 4 – 10 steps is required before soil is removed.

#### Protect newly laid floors

All newly laid floor surfaces should be covered and protected from all other trades during the contract with a suitable non-staining protective covering.

#### Use recommended cleaning products

High quality cleaning products and equipment ensure efficient maintenance and represents only a small proportion of maintenance costs.

### Frequently asked questions:

#### How often should I clean and maintain my floor?

The optimum frequency for cleaning and maintenance is determined by the way the floor is used. When producing a cleaning and maintenance schedule it is good practice to consider the situation of the floor first: e.g. is it near an entrance to the building or on an upper floor? Will it collect dry or moist soil? What level of traffic will it be subjected to?

#### How do I remove stains?

Remove stains as soon as they are discovered. Try out removal on a sample piece or hidden area. Most stains can be safely removed using a dry (paper) towel, water, detergent, white spirit or alcohol (in that order). Do NOT use highly alkaline products (ammonia, soda) or strong solvents such as acetone as they can be harmful to both people and to your floor.

#### Can I use floor care products from other suppliers?

Many floor care products can be safely used on Forbo resilient floorcoverings. Consult with your regular supplier for more information. Try to avoid or minimize the use of high pH products, rinse the floor well after use of such products with clean water.

#### Can I polish my floor?

The advanced surface finishes applied to Forbo linoleums do not require the use of polish. However, if you do wish to polish your floor this will not harm it or affect any product warranties. If polish is to be applied do not attempt to remove the surface finish.

### Forbo Floor Care products

Forbo have developed a range of floor care products which, when used with the Forbo Floor Care System, will help to keep your floor in perfect condition.

**Forbo Spray** offers ideal performance for local spray cleaning. Forbo Spray will restore localised small irregularities such as scratches and has excellent buffing properties ensuring the optimum visual appearance of the floorcovering.

**Forbo Cleaner** is a pH neutral detergent, which leaves no residue and will remove most common stains and soiling.

**Monel** is based on natural ingredients and offers a practical protective film and perfect cleaning properties in one product.

### Renovation products for Marmoleum & Artoleum

Accidents can happen in the best cared for situations. Should the Top Finish of your Marmoleum be accidentally damaged Marmoleum comes into its own with its unique renovation products, **Top Remover and Top Finish**, enabling the restoration of the floor's original fresh appearance.

### Cleaning materials and equipment suppliers

The following suppliers offer suitable products, the list is by no means exhaustive.

British Nova Works Ltd.	Tel: 01295 254030 Fax: 01295 254061
Butcher Cleaning Company Ltd.	Tel: 01543 676885 Fax: 01543 676663
DEB Ltd. (Odex)	Tel: 01773 596700 Fax: 01773 822548
Henkel – Ecolab Ltd.	Tel: 01793 511221 Fax: 01793 618552
Johnson Diversey	Tel: 01604 405311 Fax: 01604 406809
3M UK	Tel: 0161 236 8500 Fax: 0161 236 2562
Premiere Products Ltd.	Tel: 01242 243421 Fax: 01242 528445
Prochem Europe Ltd.	Tel: 020 8974 1515 Fax: 020 8974 1511

Forbo Flooring Systems cannot accept any responsibility for product recommendations made by other manufacturers, but should you require assistance in product selection please contact our Technical Services Department.