

EXTRA SLIP RESISTANT

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Safestep, Safestep Grip, Safestep R12 and Onestep vinyl floor coverings offer enhanced slip resistance due to their surface structure and carborundum particles that are embedded throughout the product. Because of the high friction properties of these floor coverings, normal dry and damp mopping methods are not suitable.

Daily cleaning should include vacuum cleaning (dry areas) or brush scrubbing. Strong alkaline detergents or cleaning agents containing solvents should be used with care. Always rinse with clean water.

Initial site clean

Remove all debris, dirt and dust off the floor. Vacuum clean and/or sweep the floor thoroughly then scrub with a neutral detergent. For larger areas a scrubber dryer or a rotary machine with a scrubbing brush will be most effective. Pick up dirty water with wiper and mop or wet vac, rinse and allow floor to dry.

Floor care Regular cleaning

Dry cleaning

- Vacuum or sweep the floor to remove loose dirt and dust

Wet cleaning

- Use a neutral detergent (pH7-8) and a scrubbing brush/mop and wiper

Machine cleaning

- A combined scrubber drier with a suitable brush will produce best results. If the floor is heavily soiled, a stronger detergent with a pH of around 10 can be used. Rinse well afterwards with clean water.

Periodic cleaning

- Clean the floor periodically using the manual or machine methods above. Clean heavily soiled areas with a concentrated cleaning solution, which should be allowed to soak on the floor for a few minutes before scrubbing. Rinse well with clean water afterwards. High pressure cleaning is an alternative method to scrubbing provided the excess water can be dealt with.

Tips

It is best to use a scrubber dryer or a scrubbing machine with an appropriate brush in larger areas. In heavily soiled or contaminated areas a mild alkaline cleaner may be used. Remember to rinse well after use.

It may occasionally be necessary to use an acidic detergent (pH3-5) for areas where water can leave lime deposits.

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.

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.

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

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