

## SAFETY FLOORING

### Cleaning & Maintenance

The PU wear-layer is designed to improve the durability and wear resistance, also resist light scratching and soiling, which ensures that even after transportation, installation, and the period prior to handover - the intensity of the construction clean can be significantly reduced, which will have a beneficial impact on the initial costs.

Effective maintenance should incorporate an effective entrance barrier matting to remove water, dirt, and grit upon entry to the area. Regular cleaning is far more beneficial to the floorcovering than periodic heavy or deep cleaning. Suitable floor protection should be used during any construction or refurbishment activities.



### Initial Post Construction Clean

1. Remove all loose construction waste and debris.
2. Remove surface dust and grit by vacuuming, sweeping and dry/damp mopping.
3. Once dust and debris free, with a spray apply a solution of neutral pH cleaner to the section to be cleaned (or dependent upon the level of soiling, a light alkaline cleaner), carefully diluted to the manufacturer's instructions. Leave for enough time to react with and lift the soiling. Some agitation with a soft brush may be required.
4. Pick up the solution with a clean "microfiber" mop, using a continuous and steady side-to-side motion. When the mop head becomes loaded, it will leave residues and start to streak the floor. At this point the dirty mop head should be removed, wrung out, placed into a suitable bag and a clean mop head fitted. The cycle should then be repeated until the whole floor is completed, is clean and streak-free. Do not move dirty water from one place to another, extraction cleaning may be required.
5. The dirty mop heads should then be machine washed and dried ready for reuse.
6. **Heavy soiling** and soiling in the grain, may require a "scrubber dryer" with immediate wet vacuum extraction prior to mopping.

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## Routine & Periodic Maintenance

1. Remove all dirt and dust by vacuuming, sweeping and dry/damp mopping daily. Where necessary spot clean stubborn areas with neutral pH detergent, diluted in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
2. Weekly inspect and assess the appearance of the floor.
  - a. Light Clean – As the routine daily clean but can, commercially, include dry buffing with a slow speed rotary floor machine fitted with an appropriate pad.
  - b. Heavy Clean – See above,

## Protection

A floor dressing or maintainer containing polish should not be applied to the PU wear-layer, as this may impair the slip resistance.

Cleaners and detergents should be carefully diluted and used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

We do not recommend the use of steam cleaning appliances.

Fit felt pads or appropriate cups to furniture feet to avoid scratching and indentation. Avoid dragging furniture, etc.

Avoid the use of rubber or latex based mats, furniture feet/bases, tyres, or other rubber-based products as they can stain the product.

Isolated leaks, spills and other contamination must be cleaned off and dried immediately to avoid Slips & Trips, in accordance with Health & Safety Executive (HSE) guidelines. It is recommended that adequate equipment is kept at hand for this purpose.

## Stain Removal

Some adhesive residues can be removed with Methylated Spirit (denatured alcohol), only use this product. Agitate the residue with a white 3M pad and wipe clean with a damp cloth. Do not attempt to remove residues with white spirit, turpentine, or other solvents.

In hard-water areas a light-coloured spot/mark may arise if water is left to dry on darker floorcoverings. A light acidic cleaner, e.g., a dilution of kettle de-scaler, vinegar, will remove these spots/marks.

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No amount of maintenance will keep a floor looking good if measures are not taken to reduce the amount of dirt that is trafficked onto the floor. Duraflor recommend suitable barrier mattings are used and that these mattings are maintained correctly.

## Recommended Cleaning Products

The following manufacturers are recognised as having suitable products to be used on our flooring. Please refer to the manufacturer's website or contact them for more details.

Dr. Schutz [www.drschutz.co.uk](http://www.drschutz.co.uk) , Prochem [www.prochem.co.uk](http://www.prochem.co.uk), Diversey Ltd. [www.diversey.com](http://www.diversey.com)

## Further Advice

For further advice, please contact our technical department, who will be happy to advise on the correct methods to use and can help you put together an effective cleaning programme.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that any advice, recommendation, or information literature is accurate and correct at the time of writing we have no control on the products use. The products success on application is also dependent upon the professional judgement of the installer, conformity to proper trade practice, installation standards/recommendations, care, and maintenance, which are factors outside of the company's control.

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