

- PU/PUR low maintenance finishes
- Competitive whole life costs
- 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 neutral detergent

### Periodic cleaning

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

### Occasional maintenance

- 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 neutral detergent

### Periodic cleaning

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

### Occasional maintenance/refurbishment

- Scrub with 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 OH&S 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 entrance 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 represent 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.

### Do I need to regularly strip the floors?

Absolutely not. Renovation activities such as floor stripping should only be carried out in the event of damage or misuse.

## 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 alternative products, the list is by no means exhaustive.

3M Australia Pty Ltd.	Tel. (02) 9498 9333 Fax. (02) 9498 9666
Johnson Diversey	Tel. (02) 9757 0300 Fax. (02) 9725 5767
AGA	Tel. (03) 9480 3000 Fax. (03) 9480 5100
Ecolab	Tel. (02) 9680 5444
Research Products	Tel. (02) 8868 6888 Fax. (02) 9682 6855
AGAR Cleaning Systems	Tel. (03) 9480 3000 Fax. (03) 9480 5100

Forbo 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.



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