

# Step By Step - Floor Tile Cleaning Procedure

## Step 1

Immediately wipe up contaminant spills using paper towel or appropriate detergent for larger spills. Sweep floor.

## Step 2

Ensure mop bucket and mop are clean and in good condition before you start. Prepare mop bucket solution, fill mop bucket with hot water and add appropriate detergent.

## Step 3

Position wet floor sign before you start mopping where it will be easily seen. Inform other employees around you that you are about to mop in the area

### Cleaning Procedures for Earp Bros Standard Floor Tiles

Floors must be mopped regularly and as needed

## Step 4

Wring out mop thoroughly.

## Step 5

Scrub in a back and forward motion with a deck brush until area is clean and free of build up.



### Cleaning Procedures for Earp Bros Slip Resistant Floor Tiles

Floors must be deck brushed regularly and as needed using a brush

## Step 4

Liberal apply detergent solution to 3m x 3m area, using a dripping wet mop in the figure 8 motion. Let solution stand for 3 minutes before scrubbing.

## Step 5

Damp mop a 3m x 3m area using a figure 8 motion. Continue to wet and wring mop out until the entire area is clean.



## Step 6

Mop up soiled solution using a figure 8 motion. Repeat this process until the entire area is clean.

NOTE: Empty mop bucket into floor drain. Clean mop and bucket after each use and hang mop up to dry. Only use appropriate detergent solution. Make up a fresh solution when solution becomes dirty.

**For further information on the recommended range of detergents, deck brushes and wet mops appropriate for Earp Bros floor tiles please see overleaf.**

## Cleaning Your Earp Bros Floor Tiles

The initial cleaning of the finished tiled surface is extremely important and has a major bearing on the future cleanability of the tile surface. All cement, grout and grout additive residue needs to be fully cleaned from the floor in the first 24 hours.

Correct maintenance is an essential element in lengthening the lifespan of your floor tiles. Correct maintenance involves selecting the appropriate cleaning detergents and cleaning products recommended for the specific tiles and contamination substance.

### Cleaners

Earp Bros recommend the following cleaning detergents be used with standard and slip resistant floor tiles. It is important that the correct detergent is selected based on the type of substance which has caused the spill.

- Alkaline Cleaner – pH from 8 to 14

Cleaning chemicals with a pH value in this area are only intended to remove fat and protein residue. The higher a pH value the stronger the alkali, and more fat can therefore be removed

- Neutral Cleaner – pH 7

Cleaning chemicals in this area are neither acidic nor alkaline, and are only intended for gentle cleaning, and not for fat and lime residue removal.

- Acidic Cleaner – pH from 0 to 6

Cleaning chemicals for removal of lime and incrustation. The lower the pH value, the stronger the acid, and the more lime and incrustation can be removed.

Type of Cleaner	Product Code	Product Description
Alkaline Cleaner	SPIRIT0000010	5004 Heavy Duty Cleaner HDC – 1Litre
	SPIRIT0000011	5011 Heavy Duty Cleaner HDC – 4Litre
Neutral Cleaner	SPIRIT0000015	5003 Neutral Cleaner – 1Litre
	SPIRIT0000016	5010 Neutral Cleaner – 4Litre
Acid Cleaner	SPIRIT0000018	5002 Phosphoric Acid – 1Litre
	SPIRIT0000017	5009 Phosphoric Acid – 4Litre

Note: Mild acids should be used and mixed in accordance with manufacturers instructions. Strong acids such as Hydrochloric Acid should be avoided as they can cause damage both to the tile and the grout joints. Escaping vapours can also damage surrounding metal surfaces, eg door handles, kitchen appliances.

### Deck Brush & Wet Mops

Earp Bros has scoured the world to find the best cleaning products to suit our range of standard and slip resistant floor tiles. By using our recommended products it will assist in the proper cleaning and maintenance of your Earp Bros tiles giving your floor a longer life expectancy.

Product Description	Product Code
Deck Brush	28/7043
Deck Brush Handle	28/K2959
Floor Wet Mop	NS0019
Floor Wet Mop Handle	NS0017

For further information on choosing and purchasing appropriate cleaners and cleaning products, contact your Earp Bros representative or visit your nearest Earp Bros showroom.

Please note: All information provided above is to be used as a guide only. When choosing a cleaning product all care should be taken in the use of the product. All manufacturers information as to the use of the product should be followed. As with all cleaners a small test area should be done to ensure the cleaning product does not damage the tile surface in any way. No responsibility will be accepted for the performance of cleaning products and any consequential damages arising from the use of cleaning products selected, since the quality control and application is outside of the control of Earp Bros.

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