

# Cleaning instructions

Modern day-room cleaning aims to reduce wet cleaning procedures and replace them with drier cleaning techniques. For example, the use of centrally laundered pre-impregnated mops and the wide application of appropriate machines. This makes work more effective and easier for the cleaning staff, and minimizes environmental impact. Less cleaning chemicals and less fresh water are used.

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## General advice

- Clean the floorcovering regularly, as this is more cost-effective and hygienic than occasional heavy-duty cleaning.
- Always follow dosage instructions carefully.
- Wipe up any grease and spilt oil immediately, as they may damage the surface.
- Resilient floors are damaged by solvents.
- Black rubber wheels and rubber feet can discolour the floorcovering. All chair and table legs should have good quality floor protectors. Felt pads are not recommended in commercial interiors. Hard plastic is preferred.
- Remember that light colours need more frequent cleaning.

## Preventive care



### Entrance matting

About 80% of surface soiling that has to be cleaned off is brought in from outside. And 90% of that soiling can be avoided using an effective and correctly dimensioned entrance mat. The less dirt that comes in through the entrance, the lower the maintenance requirements.

## Daily and regular cleaning



### Dry mopping

Remove dust and dirt with yarn or microfibre mops, or disposable mops, dry or impregnated. You can also use a suitable broom with soft bristles.

OR



### Vacuum cleaning

To remove dust and loose dirt. Recommended for large areas and initial site clean.



### Damp mopping

Use a mop dampened with water or detergent solution. It is essential that water does not stay on the floor or leave a film. The floor should be virtually dry after 15-20 seconds.

OR



### Combined machine (for large areas)

Use diluted neutral detergent. Speed low 150-250 rpm or higher. Beige/red pads are usually most suitable (check pad guide).

OR



### Spray cleaning (spray cleaning and buffing in one operation)

To revitalise surfaces with light soiling or traffic wear: mix water, neutral detergent and polymer in the container tank. Suitable speed: 300-500/1000 rpm.



### Spot and stain removal

Treat stains immediately. Spot clean by hand with a white/red nylon pad and neutral detergent (solvents should not be used). Work from the outside of the mark towards its centre. Rinse and wipe afterwards with clean water



## TopClean surface treatment

The TopClean surface treatment is a PUR reinforcement that offers good cleaning and maintenance properties, at a low initial cost.

## Initial site clean

Always protect the floor with thick paper or hardboard sheeting during the construction period. After installation, always clean the new floor: vacuum, sweep or damp mop the area to remove building dust and loose dirt. A combined scrubber/dryer with cylindrical brushes cleans large areas very effectively. Use detergent with a low pH (3-5).

## Periodic cleaning

### Light soiling



### Spray buffing

To revitalise the surface: spray clean with neutral detergent and floor maintainer (red pad).

### If needed



### Dry buffing

When necessary, dry buff (white-beige pad) to restore the surface gloss. Suitable speed: 500-1000 rpm.

### Heavy soiling



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### Machine scrubbing + Wet vacuuming

- Apply a cleaning solution (fairly strong, pH 10-11, after dilution) to the flooring and allow to act for 5-10 min.
- Clean the floor using a heavy-duty single disc scrubbing machine (red pad).
- Vacuum up the dirty water immediately. Rinse with clean water and allow the floor to dry.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Tarkett representative for further information. The above information is subject to change due to continuous improvement.