

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Marmoleum® Sheet and Tile Restoration Guidelines

Restoration procedures should be performed as needed when the interim cleaning procedures no longer produce the desired result.

1. Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by sweeping, vacuuming or dust mopping.
2. Mix a general purpose cleaning solution according to the label directions.
IMPORTANT: The pH of the cleaner in solution must be between 8 – 10.4 pH. Please refer to the list at the end of this document for recommended products.
3. Apply the solution to the floor. Do NOT flood the floor. The solution can be applied with either a mop and bucket or an automatic scrubber.
4. Allow the solution to remain on the floor for 5 -10 minutes. Heavy scrub the floor using a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber and a 3M™ Blue Cleaner Pad #5300. **The use of black or brown pads is NOT recommended.**
5. If not using an automatic scrubber, pick up the scrubbing solution with a wet vacuum (preferred) or a squeegee and a mop.
6. Rinse the entire floor surface with a clean mop using clean, cool water. Pick up rinse water with wet vacuum or automatic scrubber.
7. Allow the floor to dry thoroughly before allowing traffic.
8. If desired, one of the following procedures can be performed:
 - a. Spray buff the floor with using a 175 RPM swing machine and a 3M™ Red Buffer Pad #5100 or equivalent, followed by dust mopping.
 - b. Apply a mop-on restorer and burnish using a 3M™ Eraser Burnish Pad #3600 or equivalent, followed by dust mopping.
 - c. Burnish / Dry buff the floor using a 3M™ Eraser Burnish Pad #3600 or equivalent, followed by dust mopping.
 - d. If the floor has received improper care for an extended period of time, or if the floor has been exposed to high, aggressive traffic, applying 1 – 3 coats of an acrylic-based floor finish according to the label directions may be required to properly restore the floor.

NOTE: Urethane based finishes are NOT recommended for Marmoleum®. If a higher gloss is desired, contact Forbo Technical Services.

NOTE:

Weather, traffic, and geographical location will influence the required frequency of this procedure. For example, in areas where there are large amounts of snow and chemicals used in the winter months it will likely be necessary to perform this procedure more frequently. In dry climates, or where there is less dirt traffic, it may not be necessary to perform this procedure as frequently.

CAUTION:

Marmoleum® can be damaged by traditional wet stripping methods. If the above floor care recommendations are followed, no wet stripping will be necessary. If wet stripping methods are or have been used on the floor, contact Forbo Technical Services for additional information.

Forbo Marmoleum® should NEVER be subjected to traditional, aggressive wet stripping. These floors should be cared for by a staff that is trained to understand the following:

- Forbo Marmoleum® with Topshield2™ is OCCUPANCY READY following installation.
- Removal of Topshield2™ is NOT recommended.
- A regular floor care program, as described above, should be followed closely. Contact Forbo Technical Services with any additional questions.

RECOMMENDED FLOOR CARE PRODUCTS

General Purpose Cleaners:

Forbo Heavy Duty Cleaner
ProLink Synthetic Floor HD Cleaner
Spartan Industrial Pathmaker
3M General Purpose Cleaner/Concentrate 8H
Diversey Profi
Diversey GP Forward

Mop on Restorers:

Forbo Mop on Restorer
ProLink Optimum Response
Spartan SunSwept
3M Top Line Pre-Burnish Conditioner
Diversey Snapback UHS

Spray Buffs:

Forbo Spray Buff
ProLink Optimum Response
Spartan Spray Buff
3M Top Line Pre-Burnish Conditioner
Diversey Snapback

Acrylic-Based Matte Floor Finishes*:

Forbo Matte Finish
ProLink Matte Finish
Spartan On Base
3M Cornerstone
Diversey Carefree Matte
*If a gloss finish is desired, contact Forbo Technical Services for recommended products.

For additional information on a product or for your local supplier, contact:

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