

Technical Assistance

Rubber flooring ARTIGO^{TXL}

TXL gives your rubber floor's surface a much lower porosity than in the traditional rubber floors, thus enhancing its resistance to soiling whilst making it easier to clean. In areas subject to light traffic which are regularly cleaned with a monobrush, the TXL treatment makes the traditional coat of polish unnecessary



An effective passive dirt-barrier system, like matting and grids, is required to reduce the amount of dirt, grit and moisture in the areas where the flooring is installed.



After the installation is complete, protective sheets are to be laid on the floor covering to avoid unnecessary damage by heavy equipment, furniture, or any other work that will be undertaken after the floor installation.

Always fit protective soft feet to furniture, tables and chair legs to prevent scratching. Protective feet must be of a suitable size in order to spread the load on a larger surface.

First cleaning after the installation

- Remove all loose debris, dust and any residual sand with a broom or vacuum.



1ST case - for those areas with low traffic and that will be regularly cleaned with monobrush:

- Clean the flooring using a low speed monobrush fitted with a light abrasive disc (red disc in the 3M scale) and neutral detergent or lightly alkaline depending on dirt. Wet vacuum, rinse and leave to dry.
- If a glossy finish is required, a spray-buffing cleaning system can be used with a high-speed rotary machine fitted with an appropriate disc. For the description of these operations please make reference to Artigo Spa.



2ND case - for all other situations:

- Wash the floor covering with an alkaline detergent using a low speed monobrush equipped with red disc in the 3M scale. Wet vacuum and rinse several times to remove any residual detergent, leave to dry.
- With a perfectly clean and dry floor, a film of polish (with the desired grade of gloss) can be applied. Using an applicator, apply a first coat of pure polish thinly and evenly across the floor and then leave to dry for about 30/40 minutes; when the first coat is dry, a second coat should be applied at right angles to the direction of the first. After the complete drying of the layer (usually 2 hours), the floor is ready to be used.



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Daily maintenance

Remove dust, dirt and stains from the floor.

- Clean with a broom and damp yarn, micro-fibre mops or vacuum. Combined machines with neutral detergents are suggested for larger areas.
- Remove dirt marks and stains with a neutral or lightly alkaline detergent (diluted as per manufacturer' instructions).



Routine maintenance

Complete the daily clean of the floor with water and neutral detergent.

- Clean the floor covering with a neutral detergent using a mop or a combined machine for larger areas.
- As an alternative, it is also possible to carry out a periodic dry cleaning-and-maintenance system (spray cleaning/spray buffing) using rotary machines fitted with the appropriate discs. The speed of the machine and the type of detergent/floor maintainer is to be selected depending on the level of dirt and on the desired level of gloss. For the description of these operations please make reference to Artigo Spa.



Periodic maintenance

When standard maintenance operations are not sufficient to remove dirt, a deeper clean is recommended in order to restore the initial appearance of the flooring.

- Clean the flooring with a neutral detergent (or lightly alkaline depending on dirt) using a low speed monobrush equipped with a red disc. Wet vacuum, rinse and leave to dry.
- If the flooring had been previously polished, it is also recommended to use a "wash and wax" product with the mop; this type of product is able to clean and maintain the floor in one step, leaving a thin layer of polish that enhances the aspect and durability of the original layer of polish.
- If necessary, restore the desired level of gloss using a spray-buffing system. Again, the speed of the machine and the type of detergent/floor maintainer to be selected is dependent on the level of dirt and on the desired level of gloss. For the description of these operations please make reference to Artigo Spa.

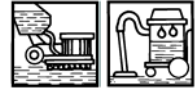


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Restoring maintenance

To be carried out when a film of polish has been applied and if it has been damaged and can not be maintained any longer with the above maintenance processes.

- Wash the floor covering with a solution of a degreasing detergent (stripper) diluted in hot water using a low speed monobrush equipped with the green disc (3M scale). Wet vacuum and rinse several times to remove any residual detergent, leave to dry.
- With a perfectly clean and dry floor, a film of polish (with the desired grade of gloss) can be applied. Using an applicator, apply a first coat of pure polish thinly and evenly across the floor and then leave for about 30/40 minutes; when the first coat is dry, a second coat should be applied at right angles to the direction of the first. After the complete drying of the layer (usually 2 hours), the floor is ready to be used.



Warning

- All products for cleaning and maintenance must be used in strictly accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- All of the above cleaning processes should not be carried out in direct sunlight in order to avoid dirty liquids drying before being removed, thus causing spots and stains on the flooring.
- Avoid the use of very abrasive discs with the monobrush (blue, green, brown, black). The blue/green disc can be used only to remove old layers of polish.
- Chairs and/or furniture wheels must be soft (type W according to the EN 12529).



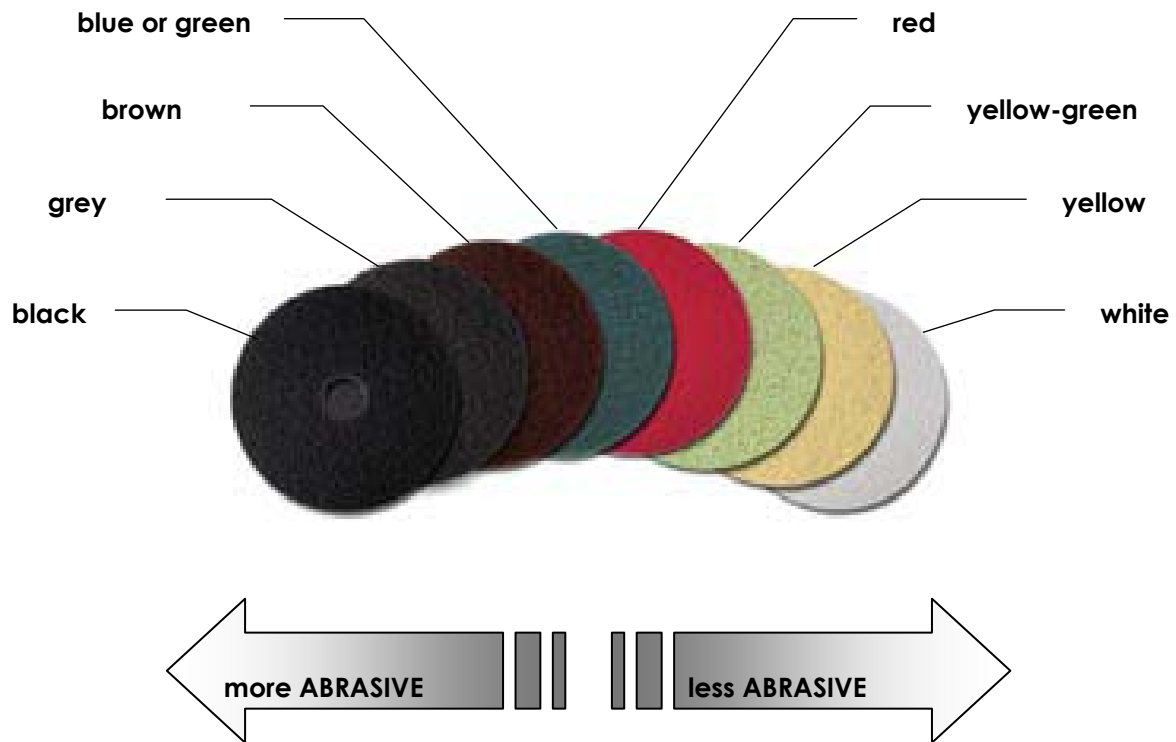
Notes

- A correct and complete maintenance program will allow the Client to limit the Restoring activities with degreasing agents and new polish.
- These instructions are valid only for ARTIGO TXL flooring. For all other types please make reference to the specific Technical Documents.

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Floor machine pads – Use on resilient floors

Classification based on 3M codes



Disk pad for high speed Spray Cleaning/Buffering machines



"Cream" colour.

**Intermediate abrasive performance (between yellow and white discs).
Specific for use with HS (high speed) and UHS (ultra high speed)
systems.**