

Technical Assistance

Rubber flooring ARTIGO “STANDARD”

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 fitting 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 completed after the floor installation.

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

First “ground” cleaning after the installation

- Remove all loose debris, dust and any residual sand with a broom or vacuum.
- Wash the floor covering with an alkaline detergent using a low speed monobrush fitted with a red disc in the 3M scale. Wet vacuum and rinse several times to remove any residual detergent, leave to dry.
- With 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 let dry for about 30/40 minutes; when 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.



Daily maintenance

Remove dust, dirt and stains from the floor.

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



Routine maintenance

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

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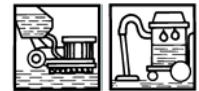
- Clean the floor covering with a neutral detergent using a mop or a combined machine for larger areas.
- As an alternative, it is also possible to carry out a periodic dry cleaning-and-maintenance system (spray cleaning/spray buffing) using rotary machines equipped with appropriate discs. The speed 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, it is recommended a deeper clean be used 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.
- 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. Also in this case, 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.



Restoring maintenance

To be carried out when the protective film layer is 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 a green 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 let it 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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Warning

- All products for cleaning and maintenance must be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Cleaning processes should not be carried out under direct sunlight in order to avoid dirty liquids drying before being removed, thus causing spots and stains on the flooring.
- Avoid using very abrasive discs with the monobrush (blue, green, brown, black). The blue/green disc should only be used to remove the old layers of polish (as described above).
- 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 "STANDARD" 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.