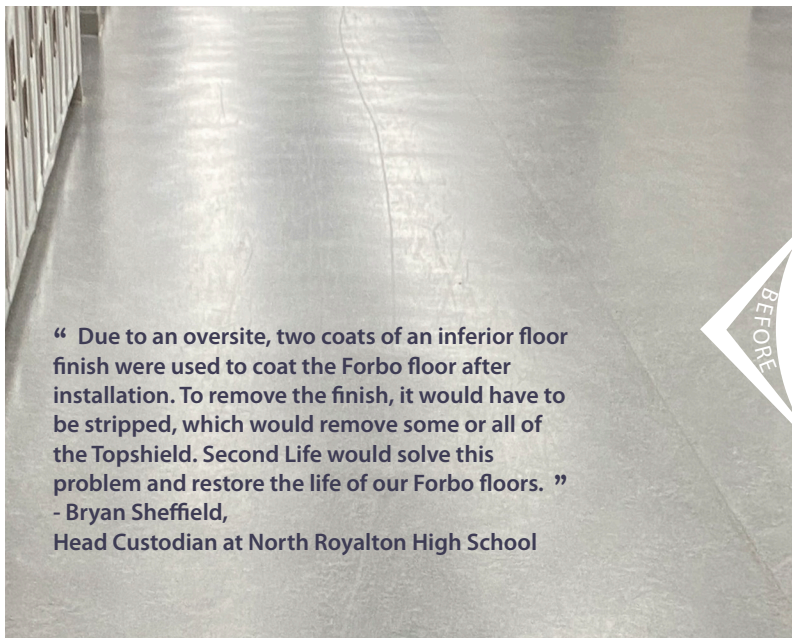




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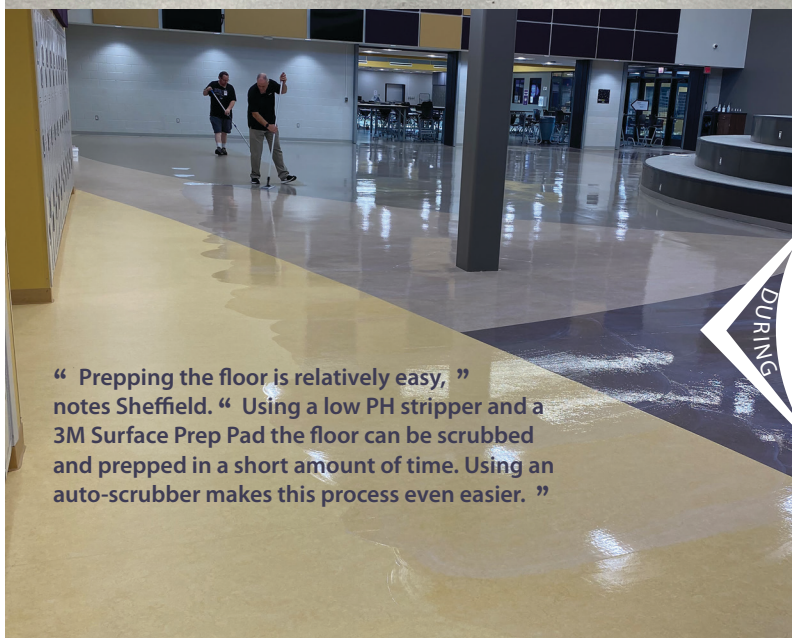
Marmoleum flooring gets a **Second Life** at North Royalton High School

North Royalton High School, located in suburban Cleveland, OH, is home to over 1,000 students and staff members. The reality of the day-to-day life of a floor is that it has to withstand both 'use and abuse': the weather of the season, the footprints and dirt carried into the building, and the scratches and stains occurring by accident. These challenges require a durable, cost-effective flooring solution, and the school's design team chose Marmoleum with Topshield factory-applied finish over other flooring products that require traditional floor maintenance. Marmoleum with Topshield provides immediate occupancy and would eliminate the need for costly stripping, saving the school time and money.



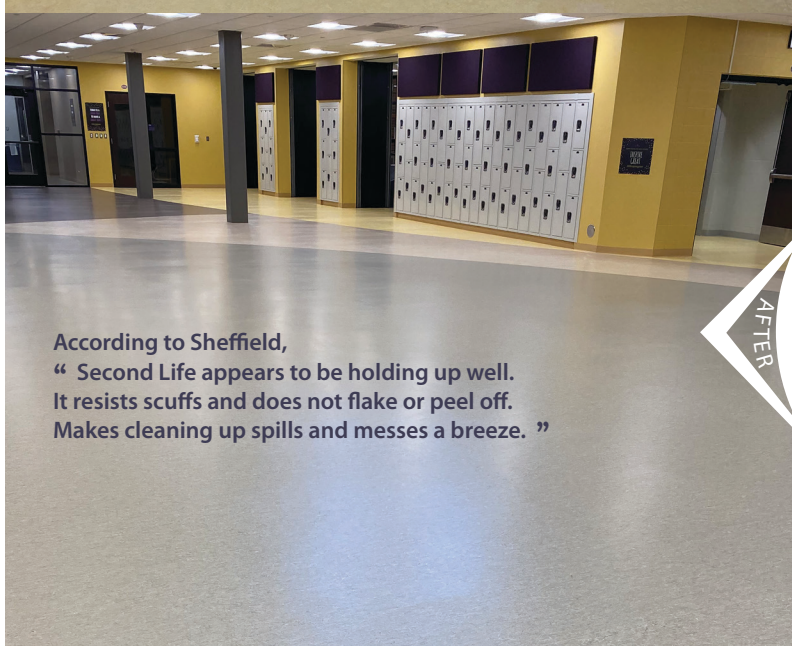
“ Due to an oversight, two coats of an inferior floor finish were used to coat the Forbo floor after installation. To remove the finish, it would have to be stripped, which would remove some or all of the Topshield. Second Life would solve this problem and restore the life of our Forbo floors. ”
- Bryan Sheffield,
Head Custodian at North Royalton High School

BEFORE



“ Prepping the floor is relatively easy, ”
notes Sheffield. **“ Using a low PH stripper and a 3M Surface Prep Pad the floor can be scrubbed and prepped in a short amount of time. Using an auto-scrubber makes this process even easier. ”**

DURING



According to Sheffield,
“ Second Life appears to be holding up well. It resists scuffs and does not flake or peel off. Makes cleaning up spills and messes a breeze. ”

AFTER

Challenge :

North Royalton staff soon discovered they had a problem. The performance of the school's new floor was not holding up. Scratches, scuffs, and stains plagued the installation, and the floor was very difficult to clean and care for. It was discovered that a contracted cleaning service had applied floor finish prior to the project turnover. This error in not following the specification on cleaning requirements put at jeopardy the original reasons why Marmoleum was selected for installation. The team at North Royalton High School were left contemplating having to replace their Marmoleum floor, which would be very costly and disruptive.

Solution :

Stripping the wrongly applied finish would compromise the Topshield finish. Ongoing costly stripping and waxing were not an option. Fortunately, the damage & scratching were only present in the traditional floor finish applied by the cleaning contractor, the underlying Marmoleum was in good condition. Forced with replacement or living with an unattractive floor the North Royalton team reached out to Forbo for a solution.

Introducing Marmoleum Second Life

The school allowed Forbo to do a trial application of Marmoleum Second Life product as a possible solution to restore the floor. Forbo, along with its partner Barentz, worked with the school's maintenance staff to apply Marmoleum Second Life in a hallway. The results were "simply amazing". Having successfully restored the floor to its original beauty and performance has allowed the school to enjoy Marmoleum's performance for years to come.

The school assistants, superintendent, and maintenance staff are very pleased with the results.

BETTER FOR LONGER

Marmoleum's original factory finishes are designed to keep its appearance, it's important to follow some simple guidelines that will help keep the beauty of your floor for longer.



MARMOLEUM SECOND LIFE - LASTING BEAUTY

Marmoleum's original factory finishes are designed to provide years of solid performance and beauty with simple, safe, cost-effective cleaning and conditioning, without repeated stripping and waxing. Unforeseen issues can arise, such as management changes, chemical suppliers, or staffing issues, resulting in a loss of focus on floorcare, leading to a reduction of the visual appeal of the floor.

When this happens, don't spend time and money replacing your floor, surrender to living with an unattractive floor, or spend huge amounts of time and money on repeated stripping and waxing. Give your floor a second life and extend the life of your flooring investment with the simple one-time Marmoleum Second Life treatment.

Marmoleum Second Life updates your existing Marmoleum to the latest factory finish technology without having to spend huge amounts of time or money. Updating to Marmoleum Second Life is a simple one-time treatment, helping extend the System Service Life of your flooring investment.



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Here are 3 simple tips to keeping your Marmoleum floor looking beautiful for years to come:



When you take care of your floor and clean it when necessary, it will stay beautiful for longer without the need for wax or polymer. Simple cleaning and conditioning will save time and money.

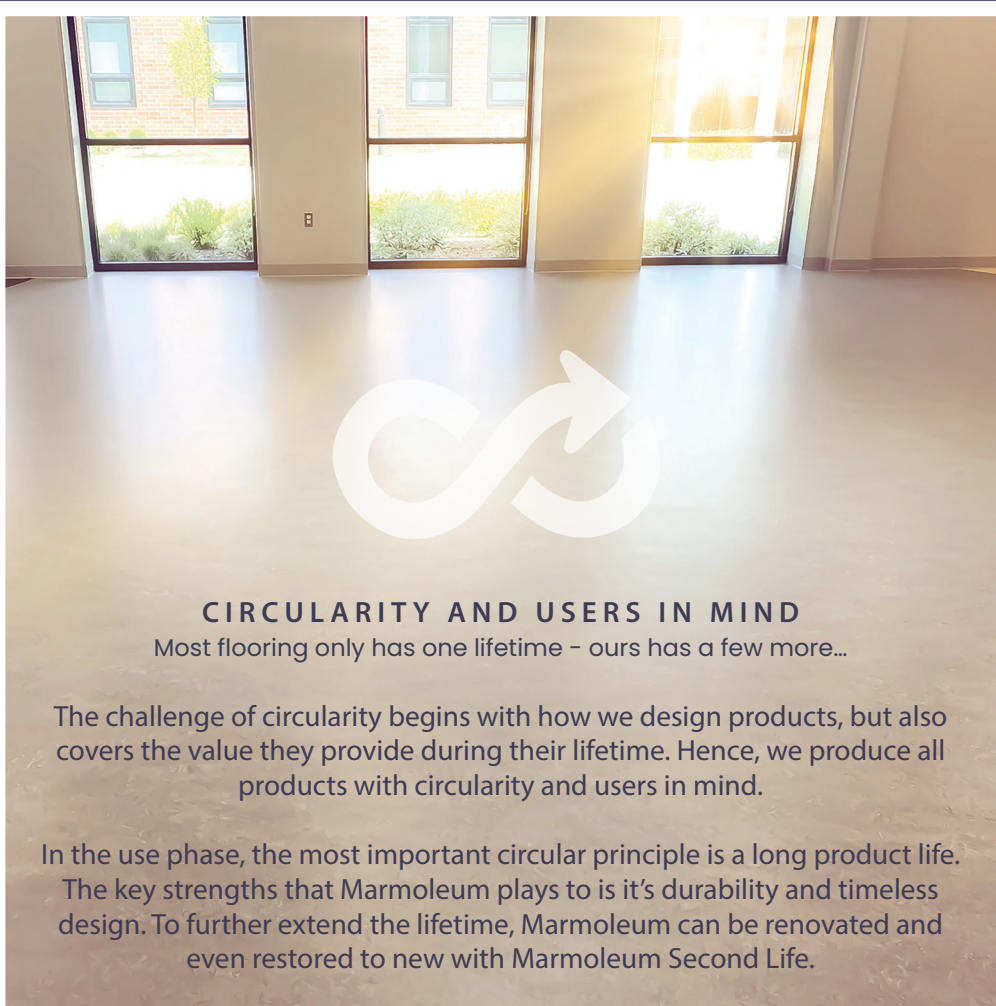


Good entrance matting is essential as no building can do without it if you want to keep your floor protected. It's making sure the biggest threats to your floor's appearance are dealt with before they even affect it.



Using the right furniture leg protection for tables and chairs will safeguard your floor at all times. Applying protection to the base of your furniture will help keep the new appearance of your floor for longer.





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