

## Floor Care Guidelines for ColoRex® SD/EC Vinyl Tile

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Forbo ColoRex® SD/EC is comprised of conductive coated chips, which are pressed and formed into a solid homogeneous vinyl block, stable in size and dimension, and then sliced to assure a highly flexible tile of dense construction. ColoRex® SD/EC is dimensionally stable and extremely hard wearing.

The following guidelines are for ESD Control applications. For non-ESD Control applications, follow the Floor Care Guidelines for Forbo Eternal Sheet Vinyl.

### NOTE:

In order to allow the adhesive to dry and cure properly, wait a minimum of five days following the installation before conducting initial cleaning or other wet cleaning procedures. For installations over non-porous substrates, additional time may be necessary because the adhesive may take longer to dry and cure.

### INITIAL CLEANING

For new installations exposed to normal construction soil and traffic.

1. Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by sweeping, vacuuming or dust mopping.
2. Mix a neutral pH cleaning solution according to the label directions.  
**IMPORTANT: The pH of the cleaner in solution must be between 6 – 8 pH. Please refer to the list at the end of this section 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. Scrub the floor with a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber using a 3M™ Red Buffer Pad #5100 or equivalent.
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, a satin gloss may be obtained by burnishing using a 3M™ Eraser Pad #3600 or equivalent, followed by dust mopping.

### ROUTINE CLEANING

Cleaning performed a minimum of once a day, depending on the application, type of traffic and hours of operation.

1. Stains or spills should be wiped or mopped up immediately with a damp mop using a neutral pH cleaning solution. Rinse the affected area with clean, cool water. Be sure to allow the floor to dry thoroughly before allowing traffic.  
**IMPORTANT: The pH of the cleaner in solution must be between 6 – 8 pH. Please refer to the list at the end of this section for recommended products.**
2. Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by sweeping, vacuuming or dust mopping.
3. Mix a neutral pH cleaning solution according to the label directions.  
**IMPORTANT: The pH of the cleaner in solution must be between 6 – 8 pH. Please refer to the list at the end of this section for recommended products.**
4. 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 with a 3M™ Red Buffer Pad #5100 or equivalent.
5. Rinse the entire floor surface with a clean mop using clean, cool water. Pick up rinse water with wet vacuum or automatic scrubber.
6. Allow the floor to dry thoroughly before allowing traffic.

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### **INTERIM CLEANING**

As needed, depending on the application, type of traffic and hours of operation.

1. Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by sweeping, vacuuming or dust mopping.
2. Mix a neutral pH or general purpose cleaning solution according to the label directions.  
**IMPORTANT: The pH of the neutral pH cleaner in solution must be between 6 – 8 pH. The pH of the general purpose cleaner in solution must be between 8 – 10.4 pH. Please refer to the list at the end of this section for recommended products.**
3. Apply the solution to the floor. Do NOT flood the floor. The solution should be applied with either a mop and bucket or an automatic scrubber.
4. Scrub the floor with a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber using a 3M™ Red Buffer Pad #5100 or equivalent for light soiling, a 3M™ TopLine Autoscrubber Pad #5000 or equivalent for medium soiling or a 3M™ Blue Cleaner Pad #5300 or equivalent for heavy soiling.
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, a satin gloss may be obtained by burnishing using a 3M™ Eraser Pad #3600 or equivalent, followed by dust mopping. It is NOT recommended to apply spray buff or finish to ColoRex® SD/EC when used for ESD applications.

### **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.

### **RECOMMENDED FLOOR CARE PRODUCTS**

#### **Neutral pH Cleaners:**

Forbo Neutral pH Cleaner  
 ProLink Level 7  
 Spartan Damp Mop  
 3M™ Neutral Cleaner 3H  
 Diversey Stride

#### **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

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

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