

Floor Care Guidelines for Eternal Sheet Vinyl

The Forbo Eternal product range includes: Eternal Classic & Marble, Eternal Wood, and Eternal Decibel.

Forbo Eternal products are a homogeneous sheet vinyl that have lacquered finish wear layer that is transparent, allowing for easy cleaning and provides a natural appearance to the floorcovering. This finish ensures a maximal wear resistance and maintains the design of the floor. A non woven, fully impregnated, glass fleece layer functions as the backbone of the floor, ensuring dimensional stability. Adding to stability and the high quality standard of Eternal is the optimized calendared backing, a firm but flexible and embossed layer to allow easy installation. The backing layer, which is a substantial part of the construction, contains 40% recycled content.

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.

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.
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3. Mix a neutral pH cleaning solution according to the label directions.
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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.
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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 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 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, one of the following procedures can be performed:
 - a. Spray buff the floor 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 Pad #3600 or equivalent, followed by dust mopping.
 - c. Burnish / Dry Buff the floor using a 3M™ Eraser Pad #3600 or equivalent, followed by dust mopping.
9. If the floor requires restoration cleaning procedures, 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.

RECOMMENDED FLOOR CARE PRODUCTS

Neutral pH Cleaners:

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

Spray Buffs:

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

Mop on Restorers:

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

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