

Floor Care Guidelines for Eternal Step SR Sheet Vinyl

The Forbo Eternal Step SR product range includes: Eternal Step SR Smooth and Eternal Step SR Studded.

Forbo Eternal products are a homogeneous sheet vinyl that have lacquered finish wear layer that is transparent. This finish ensures a maximal wear resistance and maintains the design of the floor. The PVC wear layer also contains aluminum oxide and carborundum chips for durable slip resistance. 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.

Because of the abrasive qualities of this flooring, traditional mops and floor pads will have a very short life and are not recommended for use. Soft bristled brushes and continuous filament microfiber mops will provide better success when cleaning this floor.

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 hydrogen peroxide cleaning solution according to the label directions.
IMPORTANT: The pH of the hydrogen peroxide cleaner in solution must be between 4 – 7 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 continuous filament microfiber mop and bucket or an automatic scrubber.
4. Scrub the floor with a rotary scrubber or automatic scrubber using a soft bristled brush.
5. If not using an automatic scrubber, pick up the scrubbing solution with a wet vacuum (preferred) or a continuous filament microfiber mop.
6. Rinse the entire floor surface with a clean continuous filament microfiber 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.
IMPORTANT: The pH of the neutral 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 hydrogen peroxide cleaning solution according to the label directions.
IMPORTANT: The pH of the hydrogen peroxide cleaner in solution must be between 4 – 7 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 continuous filament microfiber mop and bucket or automatic scrubber.
1. Rinse the entire floor surface with a clean continuous filament microfiber 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 hydrogen peroxide cleaning solution according to the label directions.
IMPORTANT: The pH of the hydrogen peroxide cleaner in solution must be between 4 – 7 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 continuous filament microfiber mop and bucket or automatic scrubber.
4. Allow the solution to remain on the floor for 5 – 10 minutes. Scrub the floor using a rotary electric scrubber or an automatic scrubber equipped with a soft bristled brush. For commercial kitchen applications, a general purpose cleaner may be necessary to achieve the best results.
IMPORTANT: 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.
5. If not using an automatic scrubber, pick up the scrubbing solution with a wet vacuum (preferred) or a continuous filament microfiber mop.
6. Rinse the entire floor surface with a clean continuous filament microfiber 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 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

Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaners:

Forbo Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner
 ProLink TransOxy
 Spartan Clean by Peroxy
 3M™ Peroxide Cleaner 34L
 Diversey Alpha HP

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

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