

Floor Care Guidelines for Coral® Entrance Flooring

The Forbo Coral® product range includes: Coral® Brush Activ, Coral® Classic, Coral® Dup and Coral® Grip.

Coral® Entrance Systems offer an exceptionally versatile range of “clean-off” entrance system products, each performing a specific cleaning function. Each Coral® range has been designed for all types of entrances. Coral® Brush Activ simultaneously absorbs moisture and removes dry soiling. Coral® Classic has the capacity to absorb almost 50% of the foot borne moisture along with special scraping monofilament yarns which actively scrape dirt off the soles of shoes. Coral® Duo retains 10% more dirt in the first few meters than any other textile entrance flooring system, combining Coral® Brush Activ and Coral® Classic in design, Coral® Grip has been designed to be installed outside. It is a versatile non-woven mat with granulated PVC chips helps to create a slip resistant surface.

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 vacuuming using a dual motor upright vacuum with a rotating brush, such as Tennant V-HDU-14, Clarke CarpetMaster 215 or equivalent. The brush should be approximately 1/8” below the vacuum cleaner casing to ensure proper agitation. Make several passes with the vacuum cleaner to ensure that all loose dirt is removed. Vacuum action should be fast forward and slow backward.
2. Spot clean if necessary by using the “Scrape, Scrub and Rinse” procedures.

SPOTTING PROCEDURES: “SCRAPE, SCRUB, AND RINSE”

1. Scrape up spills using a spatula or blunt edged scraper and wipe excess soil onto a cloth.
2. Apply a liberal amount of water to the spot.
3. Using a spatula, scrape the water and the remains of the spill into a paper towel or cloth. Keep scraping with the spatula until the spill is completely removed.
4. If the spill or stain is not completely removed, apply a general purpose spotter cleaner to a white cotton cloth and rub it into the spot. Do not be afraid to use aggressive scrubbing to remove set-in spills. A soft wire brush can be used to remove scuff marks or other set in spills.

IMPORTANT: Please refer to the list at the end of this section for recommended general purpose spotters.

5. Using a spatula, scrape the water, any cleaner and the remains of the spill into a paper towel or cloth. Keep scraping with the spatula until the spill or stain is completely removed.
6. Rinse the area thoroughly with water to ensure that any cleaning solution is completely removed.
7. A spotter machine, such as Tennant EX-SPOT-2 Spotter, Clarke BextSpot or equivalent, may be used to perform rinsing throughout the spot cleaning process.
8. Do not allow traffic on areas that were spot cleaned until the Coral® has completely dried.

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 vacuuming using a dual motor upright vacuum with a rotating brush, such as Tennant V-HDU-14, Clarke CarpetMaster 215 or equivalent. The brush should be approximately 1/8” below the vacuum cleaner casing to ensure proper agitation. Make several passes with the vacuum cleaner to ensure that all loose dirt is removed. Vacuum action should be fast forward and slow backward.
2. Spot clean if necessary by using the “Scrape, Scrub and Rinse” procedures.
3. Use a self-contained portable extraction machine, such as Tennant 1610 Extractor, Clarke Clean Track S16 or equivalent, preferably with counter-rotating brushes. The machine should be filled with the hottest water available at the facility, not to exceed 140°.
4. Extract thoroughly, using water only. Set the machine to its lowest setting to ensure maximum agitation and contact with the fibers.
5. Follow each wet pass with a minimum of two dry passes.
6. Use snail fans or air movers for the final drying of the floor surface. When possible, allow a minimum of three hours drying time after the last extraction before traffic is allowed on the floor surface again.

RESTORATION CLEANING

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As needed when periodic cleaning procedures no longer produce the desired result.

1. Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by vacuuming using a dual motor upright vacuum with a rotating brush, such as Tennant V-HDU-14, Clarke CarpetMaster 215 or equivalent. The brush should be approximately 1/8" below the vacuum cleaner casing to ensure proper agitation. Make several passes with the vacuum cleaner to ensure that all loose dirt is removed. Vacuum action should be fast forward and slow backward.
2. Spot clean if necessary by using the "Scrape, Scrub and Rinse" procedures.
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 either with a rotary scrubbing machine with tank or pump up sprayer.
5. Scrub the entire area using a standard speed rotary scrubbing machine and a flagged-bristle brush.
6. Use a self-contained portable extraction machine, such as Tennant 1610 Extractor, Clarke Clean Track S16 or equivalent, preferably with counter-rotating brushes. The machine should be filled with the hottest water available at the facility, not to exceed 140°.
7. Extract thoroughly, using water only. Set the machine to its lowest setting to ensure maximum agitation and contact with the fibers.
8. Follow each wet pass with a minimum of two dry passes.
Note: Be certain not to leave any detergent residue when cleaning. Any chemicals applied to the flooring must be removed. No more than 1 oz. per gallon should be used. The most common problem when caring for Coral® is the over use of cleaning chemicals. The build up of chemicals and cleaners will de-luster the Coral® fibers and leave a dull appearance. Chemical buildup also attracts dirt faster and speeds soiling.
9. Use snail fans or air movers for the final drying of the floor surface. When possible, allow a minimum of three hours drying time after the last extraction before traffic is allowed on the floor surface again.

NOTE:

Because Coral® Grip can be installed outside, it is recommended that periodically it is power-washed or hosed off to remove any dirt that may be trapped inside.

RECOMMENDED FLOOR CARE PRODUCTS

Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaners:

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

General Purpose Spotters:

Forbo Adhesive Remover
ProLink General Purpose Spotter
Contempo® H2O2 Spotting Solution

Diversey General Purpose Spot Cleaner

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