

Care and maintenance instructions

- Forbo Flooring Giubiasco recognises that the major cost incurred over the lifetime of any durable floor is cleaning and maintenance. As a result, our Colorex flooring products are engineered with easy cleaning and superior appearance retention in mind, without the need to apply costly dressing, finishes and alike.
- The following factors are usually considered when choosing the appropriate cleaning regime: the size of the floor, the local site conditions (traffic), the desired level of hygiene and the desired optical appearance.
- The degree of cleanliness and hygiene of the floors will not only be determined by the cleaning method which has been chosen, but also from its frequency and carefulness in application. Cleaning takes time and is done badly all too often.
- The following instructions are summarising the main cleaning methods. Manual and mechanical cleaning procedures can be switched in order to meet various hygiene and cost requirements.

Initial cleanup after installation (once)

- Remove any loose dirt and dust by vacuum cleaning and/or sweep the floor thoroughly. Glue residues must be removed with an appropriate solvent, e.g. white spirit.

Caution: Solvents like acetone do attack PVC and may therefore damage the surface of the Colorex tiles. Do not use.

- Scrub the floor with a neutral cleaner, a low speed rotary machine (max. 200 rpm) and a blue or green scrub pad.
- If the floor presents heavy soiling or particularly stubborn stains, more abrasive scrub pads like brown or black can be used.
- Wet vac the dirty cleaning solution. Rinse with clear water to remove the abrasion dust and thoroughly wet vac the rinsing water as well. Allow the floor to dry.
- Restore the original surface quality and appearance of the Colorex tiles by dry polishing with a low speed rotary machine and a red pad. **Important:** where a highly abrasive scrubbing with a brown or black pad had been carried out, dry polish the surface with a blue pad first and then continue with the red one.
- To reach an extra shine, a white or yellow pad may be used for a final dry buffing.



Alternative for clean construction sites (once)

Where clean construction site principles have been implemented during construction (hospitals, pharmaceutical industry, biotech laboratories etc.), deep or abrasive initial cleaning can be skipped. Proceed as follows to set the base for an optimum use performance of your Colorex floor:

1. Remove any dust by vacuum cleaning or light damp mopping. Allow to dry.
2. Thoroughly dry-polish the floor with a low speed rotary machine and red pad. We recommend to perform two passages with crossing strokes.
3. A shiny floor is not necessarily a clean floor. Nevertheless, if a shiny appearance is desired, carry out a final dry buffing with a yellow or white pad. High speed buffing is optional.



Important note for conductive installations:

Do not apply any wax, acrylic emulsions, floor finish etc. as this might influence the conductive properties of the floor.

Daily cleaning / Routine cleaning

- For small rooms or areas with light traffic: Daily sweep the floor with dry or impregnated single use towels.



- For areas with medium or high traffic: Spray clean with a neutral and wax-free spray cleaning solution and a low speed rotary machine with red pad.

This is also the most appropriate cleaning method for raised access floors.



Periodical maintenance

- For small rooms or areas with light traffic: Damp mop the floor with a well squeezed mop, using twin buckets and a neutral detergent.



- For large areas with heavy traffic, the use of a scrubber-dryer machine with an appropriate cleaner is indicated.



Black shoe marks (scuff marks) are removed by dry buffing with a rotary machine and red pad. Particularly stubborn marks may be removed using a specific cleaner and a hand scrub fitted with a red pad.

Caution: Vinyl flooring will become slippery when wet. Care must be taken when walking upon the wet floor. Appropriate warning signs should be used if any traffic is possible while the floor is wet.