**Forbo Furniture Linoleum Care**

Forbo Flooring furniture linoleum collections are easy to clean and maintain. Following these guidelines will ensure that the optimum appearance of the products is retained.

**Initial clean before use**

*After Manufacture*

Before packing and leaving the place of manufacture ensure that the surface is clean and ready for use. Clean with a damp cloth to ensure loose dust etc. from manufacture is removed and check the surface.

For extra protection during transportation and initial use we recommend to apply a blend of water and natural soap or waxes with a clean cloth.

After installation/before display/use

If required before use, repeat the procedure above

**Regular cleaning:**

Clean with a damp cloth and a neutral cleaner. As a regular cleaner you can also use with a blend of water and natural soap or waxes.

**Periodic Maintenance:**

In order to maintain the surface of Furniture Linoleum a blend of water and natural soap or waxes should be used periodically. If the surface has been neglected or worn hard, a dilution of water and natural soap or waxes to water can be used to upgrade the Furniture Linoleum

**Stain removal:**

To prevent stubborn stains always use coasters under the flower pots, vases and also
cups, glasses, etc.
It is important to remove spots, stains and spillages as quickly as possible to prevent them from penetrating into the material. The surface can be cleaned with a neutral detergent and water.
If the above treatment does not help, try soaking the surface in water with a pH-neutral Universal Cleaner (e.g. Forbo Cleaner diluted 5% to water) for a few minutes. Scrub the surface gently with a white pad or similar. Finish by wiping off the dirty water with a cloth. To upgrade the surface after a thorough cleaning see under “Periodic Maintenance” above.

Some pigmented stains may be removed or made less visible by using turpentine or similar oil based solvent. Do not use alkaline or alcohol based cleaning products since it will damage the surface.

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**Best Practice: Tips for effective floor care**

**General advice**

**Protect newly laid floors**

All newly laid floors should be covered and protected from all other trades during the contract with a suitable non-staining protective covering.
Use protective feet on chairs and tables to reduce scratching. Castor wheels should be of soft material suitable for resilient floor coverings (according to EN425)

**Use Entrance Systems**

As much as 80% of dirt entering a building is brought in by foot traffic. Entrance flooring systems of an appropriate size (ideally more than 6lm) and quality should be used. Forbo Coral or Nuway entrance flooring systems, are independently proven to remove and retain up to 94% of all dirt and moisture entering a building by foot traffic; reducing maintenance costs and maximising appearance retention of adjacent flooring products as well as reducing slip risk. As with any dirt removal system all entrance flooring systems should be regularly cleaned to release the dirt which has been removed.

**Cleaning**

* Regular cleaning is more beneficial and cost effective than occasional deep cleaning.
* Use recommended cleaning products. High quality cleaning products and equipment ensure efficient maintenance and represent only a small proportion of maintenance costs.
* Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for cleaning products.
* Always follow the Health and Safety guidance provided.

**Use of Floor Care Chemicals**

The improper use of high pH maintenance products may damage resilient flooring. Frequent treatment or inadequate rinsing may cause cracking, shrinking, and/or discoloration. Marmoleum flooring should never be cleaned with high pH chemicals because permanent damage may occur.

Abrasive powders or cleansers should not be used.

**Frequently Asked Questions.**

**How often should I clean my floor?**

The optimum frequency for cleaning and maintenance is determined by the way the floor is used. When producing a cleaning and maintenance schedule it is good practice to consider the situation of the floor first: e.g. is it near an entrance to the building or on an upper floor? Will it collect dry or moist soil? What level of traffic will it be subjected to? Remember that light and uni-colours may need to be cleaned more frequently.

**Do I need to polish my floor?**

The advanced Topshield2 finish applied on Forbo Flooring Marmoleum does not require the use of polish.

**How do I remove stains?**

Remove stains as soon as they are discovered. Most stains can be safely removed using a dry (paper) towel, water, detergent, white spirit or alcohol (in that order). Do NOT use highly alkaline products (ammonia, soda) or strong solvents such as acetone as they can be harmful to both people and to your floor.

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| **Marks caused by** | **Removed with** |
| Chocolate, grease, egg, coffee, juice, etc. | Neutral floor cleaner in lukewarm water |
| Bitumen, oil, rubber, soot | Cleaners’ white spirits |
| Chewing-gum | Cool with cold spray or ice cubes and scrape. |
| Rust | Oxalic or citric acid in lukewarm water |

If any doubt exists test cleaning materials on a sample piece or in an inconspicuous area.

**Buffing tips**

* Spray or dry buffing enhances gloss, helps remove black marks and repairs scratches. Be sure to buff with a clean buffing pad.
* Take good care of your pads. Check and flip when they get soiled. Wash, rinse and hang to dry after use.

**Cleaning machines and pads**

**Pad codes**

The colour codes indicating grades of pads may vary depending on the manufacturer/country.

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| Task | 3M Pad colour |
| For regular spray cleaning  | Red |
| For periodic maintenance  | Red |

**Note:** Blue or green pads are not required for normal cleaning and maintenance.

Brown or black pads should not be used on Marmoleum products

**Machine speeds**

For machine cleaning 150 to 300 rpm is perfectly suitable. For spray buffing, 300 to 500 rpm is the recommended speed for removing gloss irregularities and restoring the floor’s original, optimum appearance.

**Conductive Marmoleum Ohmex & Marmoleum Sport**

Look for separate advice for these floors e.g. to maintain conductivity of an Ohmex-floor only cleaning and maintenance products that do not reduce the conductivity of the flooring should be used.

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