

# Forbo floor care using Monel cleaning detergent

Monel is an effective pH neutral all-purpose cleaner and has a matte finish that protects all vinyl, linoleum, cork, laminate and timber floors.

Monel prevents stubborn dirt from sticking to the flooring surface. Monel cleans and protects and can be used neat dabbed on a cloth to fix scratches, blemishes, and scuffs. Monel is very much a “less is more” cleaning product providing a simple process with excellent results.



## Regular Cleaning

1. Wipe with dust mop, fringe scissor type mop or vacuum cleaner with a vacuum wand fitted with a brush suction head.
2. Do not use a flat metal or plastic vacuum wand head as the mechanical action of the wand being moved over the floor surface could abrade, if grit is trapped between the wand head and the area being cleaned.
3. Remove contaminants and spots by mixing a solution of Monel water mix and wet spray the area, scrub clean with a doodle bug / deck scrubber fitted with a **RED** cleaning pad. If this action does not succeed in removing the spot dampen a clean white rag with Mineral Turpentine and gentle rub the spot area. Rinse off with Monel and clean water mix.

## Periodic Cleaning

1. Clean the Marmoleum with mop and twin bucket mop system (one bucket for contaminated water one bucket for clean water) and Monel water mix (**one capful per bucket**). Change contaminated cleaning water at intervals of approximately 30 m<sup>2</sup> of floor area.
2. Pick up the dirty contaminated water with a wipe, mop or wet vacuum.
3. Rinse with clean water and clean mop.
4. Apply a fresh film of Monel water mix with a clean mop and allow the floor to dry.

## Occasional Maintenance

1. Scrub manually or machine with Monel (125 ml in 5 litres of clean cold water) using a soft to medium scrubbing brush, **RED** pad or soft brush fitted to an appropriate cleaning machine.
2. Pick up the dirty contaminated water with a wipe, mop or wet vacuum
3. Rinse with clean water and a mop.
4. Apply a fresh film of Monel water mix and allow floor to dry.

## Key Principles

1. Where possible, prevent sand, grit and dirt reaching the floorcovering by **installing Forbo's Coral entrance matting** at all main external doorways. Forbo's Coral, are independently proven to remove and retain up to 95% 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.
2. **Use minimum moisture** and aim for maximum soil removal. Clean dry what can be cleaned dry; it is safer and more cost effective.
3. **Prevention is better than cure.** Good initial preparation will set a high standard of appearance which will be cost effective to maintain and which will enhance the life cycle of the product.
4. **Leave no residual alkalinity.** Many cleaning chemicals are alkaline; however, probably more cleaning problems are created by alkaline residue than by any other factor.
5. **No contamination of equipment.** Colour code mops to ensure that cross contamination of maintenance materials and cleaning products does not occur.

## Helpful Hints

1. To help remove rust marks cut a lemon in half, squeeze the lemon juice onto the mark and let soak for a few minutes, rub the wetted mark with a clean rag to help agitate the mark, once removed rinse over with clean water.
2. To help remove scuff marks attaching a new tennis ball to a broom handle (saves bending down) then gentle rub the scuff mark until it is removed.
3. To help neutralise the smell of urine in toilets mix one cup – 250 mm of white vinegar in 5-8 litres of warm water and wet scrub the area, rinse off with clean water. Perform this task as necessitates.
4. To neutralise alkaline residue after using floor stripper or using high alkaline cleaning chemicals, mix one cup – 250 mm of white vinegar in 5-8 litres of clean water and wet rinse the area. Mop up any wet residue and let the area dry.
5. Neutral alkaline (pH) is 7. Forbo recommend neutral detergents that are pH 7 (neutral) to a range when mixed with clean water not to exceed 8.5 pH.
6. To remove any Monel build up from the floor; simply mix neutral detergent in warm water and wet mop or wet scrub the floor with a **RED** pad fitted to a swing cleaning machine. Pick up any contaminate water with a wet vacuum or mop, rinse with clean water and let dry.
7. The Forbo Monel film can be lightly buffed to give a slightly shinier appearance by using a low speed buffing machine fitted with a white buffing pad. **Do not use any type of high speed buffing machine** on Monel, as the Monel is a modified soap residue which can be easily damaged and removed by this process.
8. Always check that chairs and table legs have felts or plastic end stoppers on the bottom. Unprotected metal chair legs may damage your floor. Mobile petition boards generally don't come with felt or plastic feet. Over time when exposed to moisture from wet mopping, the powder coated feet of these petition boards may bleed their colour into the floor. Please add felts or plastic furniture feet to these mobile petition boards. **Do not use rubber items on vinyl floorcoverings as most types of rubber will stain.**
9. As a general rule when using cleaning brushes; test the rigidity/hardness of the brush by moving it slowly down your forearm. If the brush leaves a red mark or chafe it is too hard to be used for manual or mechanical cleaning of floorcoverings.
10. As a general rule contaminated cleaning water should be changed every 30 m<sup>2</sup> of floor area.

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