

## Repairs

Minor damage can often be repaired in Forbo products. A properly executed repair can preserve the integrity of the Forbo product. The aesthetic result can vary depending on the material being repaired and the skill of the installer. The final outcome of any repairs should be pre-determined and agreed upon by the parties concerned. The acceptance of any repair remains that of the end-user/customer.

**For additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839 or [www.forboflooringNA.com](http://www.forboflooringNA.com).**

### Marmoleum® & Linoleum Products

- Minor burns and small scratches may be repaired using a fine grade steel wool (00 or 000 grade). Rub the damaged area, making sure to rub with the grain until damage is removed. Apply Forbo Matte Floor Finish only to the repaired area.
- To repair small gouges and voids, a paste made from a small scrap of material may be used. The paste is made by sanding the surface of a scrap piece of material using an electric sander or sandpaper. This can also be done by scraping the surface with a paint scraper or knife. Take the scrapings and grind them together to make a fine powder. Mix the powder with white carpenter's glue that dries clear and waterproof to form a paste with the consistency of peanut butter. Fill the gouge with the paste using a plastic applicator or putty knife. A second application may be required as the paste may shrink. Apply Forbo Matte Floor Finish only to the repaired area.
- Large gouges or torn areas may be repaired by plugging with a new piece of material. Plugs in the shape of a fish eye running with the marbelization may be less noticeable. Match the marbelization of the plug as close as possible to that of the area to be repaired. Install the plug piece using the recommended adhesive and roll with a steel seam roller.

### Vinyl Sheet Products

- Minor burns may be repaired by first scraping away the charred material. Next, apply a few drops of vinyl seam sealer, allow the seam sealer to soften the vinyl, and scrape again to remove the remainder of the charred material. Fill in the damaged area with seam sealer and allow to dry.
- Minor tears may be repaired by cleaning the damaged area with a clean, white rag and some solvent. Then apply a PVC flooring seam sealer.
- Large gouges or torn areas may be repaired by plugging with a new piece of material. Plugs in the shape of a fish eye will be less noticeable. Install the plug piece with the recommended adhesive and roll with steel seam roller. Apply a chemical weld seam sealer in the seams. If the flooring is in wet area or clean room, the seams should be heat welded.

### Colorex® SD/EC

- Most minor scratches and stains may be sanded off surface using fine sand paper and/or steel wool. Buff the repaired area to match sheen of surrounding tile.
- Larger gouges or holes may be filled by heat welding a piece of the tile into the gouge, let cool, and then sand the surface smooth. Buff the repaired area to match sheen of surrounding tile.

Forbo's Installation Guide contains additional information and is available for download at [www.forboflooringNA.com](http://www.forboflooringNA.com). For a hard copy, or for additional information, contact Forbo's Product Support & Education Services at 1-800-842-7839.