

CLEANING GUIDELINES

WHY CLEAN YOUR FLOOR?

Appearance: Your floor will look its best when it is clean. By establishing a scheduled cleaning program, the floor will continue to look and perform as it did when it was first installed.

Safety: No matter how aggressive the texture of your floor, if it is not cleaned properly, it can present a slip hazard. Emulsifying, rinsing and drying your floor properly will reduce the risk of a slip and fall incident.

Note: Wet environments need to be kept dry as possible to prevent slip and falls. Proper signage, non-slip shoes, floor fans, and walk-off mats will help prevent slip and falls in any facility

Service Life: The lifetime of your floor will depend upon how well you clean it. In aggressive use areas (i.e. kitchens and machine shops) contaminants such as oil, dirt, and grease work with water and bacteria to break down the floor.

FLOOR CLEANING PROCESS & TOOLS

The best way to clean a Dur-A-Flex floor is to use the recommended cleaning product and follow a six-step process. (Equipment needs vary between small and medium/large floor areas.)

| Process | Small Area | Medium/Large Area |
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| Sweep floor thoroughly | Broom, Dust Mop | Floor Sweeper, Broom |
| Apply cleaning product on floor surface | Deck Brush, Foamer/Sprayer | Automatic Floor Scrubber, Foamer/Sprayer |
| Dwell - allow cleaning product time to emulsify foreign material | 10-15 Minutes | 10-15 Minutes |
| Agitate to aid in the release of foreign materials | Deck Brush, Rotary Floor Machine | Automatic Floor Scrubber, Rotary Floor Machine |
| Remove cleaning product from the floor | Squeegee (Soft Neoprene) Wet Vacuum | Automatic Floor Scrubber |
| Rinse the floor with clean water and remove | Wet Vacuum, Squeegee (Soft Neoprene) | Automatic Floor Scrubber |

NOTES

- Wax strippers should never be used on a Dur-A-Flex Floor
- Never use Enzyme based cleaners on a Dur-A-Flex Floor
- DO NOT use “No-Rinse” cleaners as the chemical concentration can increase in the residual film left behind
- Combinations of chemicals can result in staining or degradation if not properly rinsed and removed
- Never use a mop to clean a floor that is greasy or oily.
- Make sure the pads or brushes on the automatic scrubber are in good shape. Pads should be non-abrasive white, tan or red 3M cleaning pads or equivalent. Brushes should be nylon non-abrasive Malish 8129 series or equivalent soft to medium flex nylon bristle brush.
- When using a deck brush, choose a medium/stiff bristle.
- When using a floor cleaning machine, a pad is recommended for use on smooth floor systems, while a soft to medium flex nylon bristle brush is recommended for broadcast floor systems or smooth floor systems with added texture.
- When removing solution with a squeegee, use a soft, neoprene squeegee. **Do Not** use a water spray to remove cleaning solution from the floor because it will over-dilute the solution and cause grease and oil to fall back onto the floor.
- Spills should be cleaned up immediately to prevent staining and as a safety precaution.
- Surfaces should be adequately protected when moving heavy equipment across the floor.
- Through proper training and education, unnecessary wear of the floor (such as forklift spin and skid-marks) can be avoided.



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RECOMMENDED CLEANING PRODUCTS

Determining the correct cleaning product for your Dur-A-Flex floor is based upon the amount and type of soiling the floor receives. We have divided these into four types, and recommended a cleaning product for each instance:

| Application | Typical Areas | Product | Product Description |
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| Traffic Areas (Light soils) | Hallways, Healthcare Facilities, Labs, Dining Areas, Schools | EZ-CLEAN | EZ-CLEAN is a heavy-duty alkaline floor cleaner designed to remove protein or crude based soils |
| Moderate/Heavy (Protein soils) | Grocery Stores, Restaurant Kitchens, Animal Care, Food/Beverage Processing | EZ-CLEAN | |
| Moderate/Heavy (Crude soils) | Manufacturing/Industrial, Machine/ Automotive Service Centers, Warehouses | SIMONIZ 969 | SIMONIZ 969 is a heavy duty, highly alkaline floor cleaner designed to remove machine and crude oil from concrete |
| Rubber Tire Marks | Forklift Tire Spin | TIRE MARK REMOVER | TIRE MARK REMOVER is a heavy duty cleaner designed to remove rubber skid marks from polymer type floors as well as hard steel troweled floors |

The above Dur-A-Flex cleaning products may be ordered directly from Dur-A-Flex Customer Service at 1-800-253-3539 or via email at orders@dur-a-flex.com

WHEN TO CLEAN YOUR FLOOR

Dur-A-Flex floors are designed for and used in heavy traffic areas that typically accumulate foreign matter. Because of this, the recommended maintenance schedule for most areas is once or twice daily cleaning and regular “touch-ups” for spills. Less frequent cleaning of these areas results in a buildup of foreign matter, which diminishes the appearance, safety and service life of the floor.

Our CRYL-A-FLEX MMA products develop to full cure in one hour, and full cure for most epoxy and urethane systems is 7 days at 68°F. The lower the room temperature -the longer the cure time. Avoid chemical spills and full traffic during cure period. Premature exposure may cause permanent staining or discoloration. Do Not use abrasive cleaning methods during the first week after installation.

WALL CLEANING PROCESS

1. Application – Apply EZ-CLEAN, follow cleaner guidelines for dilution rate, use with hot water while using a deck brush, foamer/sprayer or power washer.
2. Scrub walls with deck brush
3. Rinse walls with clean water

*For further technical assistance regarding this guide, please call Dur-A-Flex, Inc. Technical Services:
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