



Cleaning Guidelines

You just invested in new Concrete Floors. In order to ensure your investment lasts, you should now set up a regular cleaning schedule.

WHY CLEAN YOUR FLOOR?

Appearance: Your floor will look its best when it is clean. By instituting 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.

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 attack your floor.

FLOOR CLEANING PROCESS & TOOLS

In collaboration with our partners at Dur-A-Flex we have designed the following six-step process in order to ensure a properly maintained floor.

1. **Sweep** floor thoroughly with a broom or dust mop for small areas. For larger areas utilize a floor sweeper or broom.
2. **Apply** a cleaning product in floor surface. The finish of your floor, industry and traffic on the floor combined will dictate what type of product should be utilized. The Dur-A-Flex Products we recommend are EZ-CLEAN SIMONIZ 969 and TIRE MARK REMOVER. Please talk to your project manager to identify the recommended cleaning product best suited for your finished floor.
3. **Dwell** – allow cleaning product time to emulsify foreign material for approximately 10-15 minutes.
4. **Agitate** to aid in the release of foreign materials with either a non-abrasive nylon medium flex bristle deck (Malish 8129 series suggested) brush with medium/stiff bristles or rotary floor machine. For larger areas utilize an automatic floor scrubber with red or blue 3M cleaning pads or similar in good condition, may work more efficiently.
5. **Remove** cleaning product from the floor utilizing either a soft neoprene squeegee, wet vacuum or automatic floor scrubber.
6. **Rinse** the floor with clean water and remove again with a soft neoprene squeegee, wet vacuum or automatic floor scrubber.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Never use a mop if the floor is greasy or oily.
- **Do Not** use a water spray to remove cleaning solution from the floor as it will over dilute the solution causing grease and oil to fall back on to the floor.
- **Wax strippers should never be used on a Dur-A-Flex floor.**
- Spills should be cleaned up immediately to prevent staining and serve as a safety precaution.
- Surfaces should be protected when moving heavy equipment across them.

WHEN TO CLEAN YOUR FLOOR?

For high traffic floors we recommend cleaning once or twice daily while cleaning of spills should be immediate. The buildup of any foreign matter can lessen the appearance, safety and longevity of the floor. Cure times vary between one hour and 7 days at a constant temperature of 68F. During this time avoid heavy traffic, chemical spills, and do not use abrasive cleaning methods for the first week following installation.

WALL CLEANING PROCESS

1. **Application** Apply EZ-CLEAN at a 1:64 dilution rate with hot water and apply with a deck brush, foamer/sprayer or power washer.
2. **Scrub** walls with deck brush.
3. **Rinse** walls with clean water.

For further technical assistance contact your Project Manager or speak directly to a representative of Dur-A-Flex , Inc. Technical Services at (800)253-3539.