



Expect more from your floor.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

General Information

We hope you find your newly installed Silikal floor to be in pristine condition. The unique chemical process of Silikal leaves a film of paraffin wax on the surface; this will be removed after the first few washes.

The slip resistance and therefore the functionality of your floor is dependent upon your attention to maintaining reasonable housekeeping. This ensures protection against external agents, prolongs the life of your floor, and helps maintain its appearance.

Cleaning of the Silikal flooring system depends on the type of activity being carried out in the building and the type of soiling on the floor. If the soiling is loose dust and debris in a factory or warehouse where no food items are stored, all that is necessary is a daily sweeping, vacuuming or a combination of both.

Where food or pharmaceuticals are present, or a high standard of hygiene is required, the floor should be swept, scrubbed, and dried using a combined machine, or a separate scrubbing machine and wet vacuum.

Floors in a kitchen environment should be swept, scrubbed, and dried to prevent the build up of grease which will cause slip and health hazards, and allow the growth of bacteria.

Floors in an engineering environment should be swept, scrubbed and dried on a regular basis in order to prevent the build up of dirt and oil deposits, which may cause a slip hazard.

Cleaning Equipment

The use of mechanical equipment with a powerful vacuum attachment will produce the best results and not leave residue in the surface texture. Stubborn marks will be removed easier if 'Scotchpad' type pads are used on the machines.

On textured and anti-slip surfaces, the use of cleaning machines with cylinder brushes rather than rotary will prove more effective.

General Maintenance

Chemical spillages should be dealt with immediately to prevent staining or damage, do not allow to pool on the floor for long periods of time.

Any cracks caused by structural movement should be noted and repaired as soon as possible to avoid liquids penetrating to the sub-base.

Any damaged areas which expose the sub-base or relocation of equipment which leaves bolt holes in the floor should be repaired as soon as possible.

Cleaning Materials

If possible, use a pH neutral detergent for general cleaning.

Correct use of alkali or acid based cleaning agents will not cause problems, but be aware that alkali based, if not vacuumed off completely, can leave white crystal deposits on the floor surface. If these deposits remain on a textured surface for too long, they may be difficult to remove. Crystal deposits will not damage the floor, but will look unsightly.

Be aware that some cleaning agents should not be mixed together for fear of producing very aggressive compounds. Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

Solvent based cleaners should be used with extreme caution and a trial area should be tested before full use. The solvent should not be allowed to 'pond' or 'pool' on the floor for any length of time. Solvent based products should be considered for use as 'spot cleaners' rather than general purpose cleaners.

If an area suffers impact damage or for any other questions on maintenance, please contact Deckade at (775) 355-0303.