

# CLEANING REGIME

To maintain an optimal performance of Cobra Flooring Systems, establishing an appropriate cleaning regime is crucial. Cobra recommends a weekly cleaning, or a daily regime in high trafficked areas. Floor cleaning has three main components: chemical, mechanical & human.

## STEPS

- 1 Sweep or vacuum floor to remove loose dirt & debris.
- 2 Use the appropriate cleaning agent: detergent, deodorizer, degreaser or emulsifier.
- 3 Apply cleaning agent, dilute as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4 Use the scrubber/dryer as per manufacturer's instructions or alternatively agitate by hand using a stiff brush (by scrubbing motion) then flood with clean water and scrub.
- 5 Remove dirty water with wet vacuum (or continue using the scrubber/dryer machine) or squeegee if cleaning by hand.
- 6 Dispose of contaminated water whilst paying special attention to by-law regulations which prohibit the introduction of certain chemicals into surface water drains or sewer systems.

**!** **WARNING:** The use of a mop and bucket method on routine cleaning of the floors should only be used when dealing with spillages or spot cleaning (see below).  
Applying this method in normal everyday usage may remove heavy soiling but will often result in the floor being mopped with dirty water, creating a film of dirt spread uniformly across the floor that will build and over time causes a matte surface.

## CHEMICAL

Applying cleaning solutions to dissolve or emulsify the soil or contamination.

## MECHANICAL

Applying a scrubbing motion by hand or by machine when possible.

## HUMAN

**CRUCIAL:** Removing dirt and rinsing floor with clean water.

**WARNING:** Do not use mop and bucket on routine cleaning -apply only for situational spillage-. Mopping daily will eventually lead to permanent damage.

## SPOT CLEANING/ SPILLAGES

It is important that spillages are immediately cleaned from the surface as follows:

1. Wipe up spillage with towels or paper towels and dispose of properly. It is important to not allow spillages to sit on the floor surface for too long.
2. Vacuum / Wet Vacuum or Sweep the small area of floor that has the spillage or needs spot cleaning.
3. For stubborn stains clean with a citrus based cleaner (diluted as per the manufacturer's instructions).
4. Clean the small area with a mop and clean warm water to spot clean or remove the residue from the spillage.

Cobra recommends the use of a citrus based cleaner for routine cleaning.

**Important:** Dilute chemicals as per manufacturer guidelines. If used in wrong concentrations, there will be an adverse effect on the floor (etch rising, softening, surface or body damage, etc.)

## CLEANING CHEMICALS

Harsh detergents and bleach are **not recommended**, as it will cause the color to fade after a period of prolonged use. Avoid soap-based cleaners as they will leave a haze on the resin flooring that builds up over time. **Never use** solvents on the floor surface.

## INDOOR

Pressure washing is not recommended and should not be required if a daily cleaning routine is established (as above). If pressure washing is to take place, please use the following precautions:

1. Use low pressure of between 1200 – 1500 psi only.
2. Direct water at an angle of 25° (with correct nozzle). A direct blast at 0° from a high-pressure water jet can damage not only the resin flooring system but will damage the underlying concrete surface.
3. It is important to keep the nozzle of the water jet 12" from the surface to avoid damage.

## PRESSURE WASHING

## OUTDOOR

After cleaning the surface with the cleaning agent, the surface can also be pressure washed to clean the surface.

Please use the following precaution during pressure washing:

1. Use low pressure to a maximum of 2000 psi only.
2. Direct water at an angle of 25° (with correct nozzle). A direct blast at 0° from a high-pressure water jet can damage not only the resin flooring system but will damage the underlying concrete surface.
3. It is important to keep the nozzle of the water jet 12" from the surface to avoid damage.