



Interlocking Tiles

Cleaning & General Maintenance:

By following these simple instructions you will help ensure that your floor looks good, maintains its anti-slip performance and you will also help extend its life span.

1. **Sweep or vacuum the floor to remove dust and dirt as often as is practical.**
2. **If available use a rotary scrubber dryer; if not a two compartment (separate clean & dirty water) bucket and mop.**
3. **Use clean water and a neutral pH floor cleaner in a weak solution.**

Optional

4. **Non- ESD Floors - Apply two to three coats of a hard wearing floor sealer when the floor is new.**
5. **ESD / Anti-static Floors - Apply two to three coats of SELSTAT anti-static floor polish to enhance performance and durability.**

Cleaning Chemicals & Polishes

- **Heavy Duty Cleaning, Degreasing & Stripping of polish:** A powerful heavy duty cleaning and degreasing concentrate that removes multiple coats of dirt, oil, grease and finish build-up. Suggested for factories and industrial applications VIPER Heavy Duty Floor stripper.
- **General Day to Day General Cleaning:** Clean the floor with ROTEX a one-step, neutral cleaner designed to quickly remove embedded soils without any residue. ROTEX requires no rinsing, and leaves a peach fragrance. Ideal for use with auto-scrubbers or the Biomop system.
- **Floor Sealer / Polish:** To create a high quality finish and help reduce maintenance of your floor we recommend applying two to three coats of a good quality floor sealer. DISTANCE is a clear, high gloss, hard, thermacrylic floor finish with superior dirt and black mark resistance. Coverage 50m² per litre / per coat.
- **ESD / Anti-Static Polish & Cleaner:** Retains performance even at humidity as low as 11%. Independently tested to IEC 61340 - 4 - 1 and BS 7506. Improves the conductivity of conductive ESD flooring. Applies, hardens and protects like a normal floor polish. For cleaning dilute polish 40 parts clean water to 1 part polish and mop or rotary scrubber dry. Coverage 500 sq m with 2 coats (Polish also used for cleaning) – SELSTAT Anti-Static Floor Polish.
- **Dr. Schutz Floor Mate** Recommended for removing trainer scuff marks and spot cleaning Tektile.

Cleaning Equipment

Rotary Scrubber Dryer

Cleaning the floor with a rotary scrubber dryer is the quickest and simplest method for pvc tile maintenance. If possible use a machine which has twin roller brushes and a powerful vacuum to suck up the dirty water. Investment in a good quality rotary scrubber dryer will save time, reduce cost by saving on labour and keep your floor looking good and performing well. **Equipment Suggestion Karcher BR 45/40C**

Use mid-range brushes which will provide enough resistance to clean without scouring the tile surface. Brushes are preferred to pads because they will provide better results on the patterned tile surfaces.

Biomop System

Consisting of a mop with a micro fibre mop head and twin compartment bucket. The micro fibre mop head lifts dirt from the surface of the floor and the two compartment buckets ensure that your clean and dirty water remain separate. This damp mopping system leaves the floor clean and semi-dry ready for foot traffic. The biomop system is ideal for smaller installations or where the floor area is difficult to access.

How to maintain your Tektile floor: Keeping your floor clean and looking good is a simple task but will involve a small investment on your part in the correct equipment and chemicals and the introduction of a simple but professional cleaning regime. The cleaning regime will be dictated by the usage that your floor will experience and can be broken down into three categories as follows:

1. Preventive Measures - In entrance areas it is essential to install a large, effective dirt and moisture collection entrance mat which must be cleaned or replaced at regular intervals. This prevents a large percentage of dirt being carried into the building and diminishes wear and tear strain on the floor. Chairs fitted with either defective or missing gliders or unsuitable rollers/wheels destroy both the surface protection and the floor coverings themselves, and should be changed or replaced.

2. Initial Clean/Re-sealing the floor - The floor must be thoroughly cleaned prior to applying the sealer in order to remove installation-related residues and building dirt from newly installed floors, to remove any possible existing care finish and to remove residues of care products and dirt in the case of older floorings. Apply ROTEX diluted with water (mix ratio is dependent on the resistance of the dirt residues). After allowing it to stand for 10-15 minutes, scrub the floor using a floor scrubber/polisher fitted with green pad. Rinse the floor with clean, if possible warm, water until all traces of dirt and cleaning agents have been completely removed (the mopping water no longer bears any traces of foam).

3. Surface Protection with Distance Sealer (For Standard Tiles) - To protect the floor, help routine cleaning and prolong the lifespan of the flooring, a protective film of sealer can be applied immediately after completion of the cleaning. DISTANCE is a long-term sealer, is particularly durable and will help improve the anti-slip performance of the floor.

3.1 Initial Treatment: After cleaning, apply one to three coats of the sealer evenly to the dry floor with a mop if using the general purpose sealer or a short pile roller (10 mm) if using the heavy duty sealer. Between applications wait for the previous film to dry and become firm enough to walk on but apply multi-coats on the same day.

3.2 Repair and Renewal: Depending on the level of use and usage conditions, the sealer film should be checked at regular intervals for signs of wear and tear and a renewed sealer operation performed if required. For this purpose, after thoroughly removing dirt and other residues apply sealer to the dry floor. It is possible to carry out repair and renewals of individual worn areas of sealer. **Note:** Before applying sealer remove the shine from the floor surface using the floor scrubber and green pad to guarantee an optimum adhesion of the following sealer coat. Freshly sealed floors can be walked on after 4 hours if the general purpose sealer has been used and 24 hours if the heavy duty sealer has been used.

4. Maintenance of Tektile ESD / Anti-static Floor Tiles - SELSTAT anti-static floor sealer can be applied to Tektile ESD Floor tiles when first installed to help maintain the conductivity of ESD tiles. SELSTAT once applied, hardens and protects the floor and helps maintain an anti-slip finish. SELSTAT must be applied to a clean grease free floor. Apply a thin even film of SELSTAT using a clean lint free mop or applicator. Apply a second coat when the first is dry (approximately 30 minutes). COVERAGE: 60 square metres per litre. Application of this product in dirty environments helps prevent build-up of surface dirt and grime, which can provide a barrier and reduce conductivity of the tiles

We suggest using Rotex Neutral PH Floor cleaner for maintaining Tektile ESD floor tiles. Where tiles are sealed with SELSTAT, apply diluted Selstat as the cleaning agent.

4.1 Dust Removal: It is essential to prevent a layer of insulating dust building up on the ESD floor which may restrict the ESD performance of the surface. Remove loose surface dust and dirt by sweeping, vacuum or wiping over the floor with a slightly damp mop.

4.2 Manual or Mechanical Wet Cleaning: To remove dirt adhering to the floor dilute 1:10 Selstat polish with clean water using the wet mopping method, clean the floor with a suitable mop (e.g. Biomop) or using a cleaning appliance (e.g. rotary scrubber/dryer).

4.3 Intermediate Cleaning: In cases where it is no longer possible to remove dirt adhering to the floor surface by wet mopping, perform an intermediate cleaning operation with detergent in a dilution with water appropriate to the level of dirt present (e.g. 1:50 to 1:100). SELSTAT will then need to be re-applied as a sealer in the affected areas.

5. Routine Cleaning and Care (Standard Tiles)

5.1 Dust Removal: Loose surface dust and dirt is removed by sweeping, vacuum or wiping over the floor with a slightly damp mop, we recommend the Unger Biomop system.

5.2 Manual or Mechanical Wet Cleaning: To remove dirt adhering to the floor dilute detergent in a ratio of 1:200 and, using the wet mopping method, clean the floor with a suitable mop (e.g. Biomop) or using a cleaning appliance (e.g. rotary scrubber/dryer).

5.3 Intermediate Cleaning: In cases where it is no longer possible to remove dirt adhering to the floor surface by wet mopping, perform an intermediate cleaning operation with detergent in a dilution with water appropriate to the level of dirt present (e.g. 1:50 to 1:100). Regular polishing up of the floor after cleaning with floor polisher with a white pad is recommended for optimum results.

6. Removal of Stains and Rubber Heel Marks - Stubborn stains and rubber heel marks can be removed using undiluted PU-Cleaner together with a cloth or non-abrasive white pad. Subsequently wipe over the area with clear water. Remove stains immediately if possible since certain types of stains settle into the flooring as they age and can then only be removed with difficulty or are impossible to remove completely.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- Regular & light cleaning is better than infrequent and heavy cleaning.
- Do use an entrance mat to remove as much dirt and moisture.
- Do use a neutral PH floor cleaning detergent.
- Don't use an excessive concentration of cleaning detergent; it will leave a sticky residue on the floor making cleaning harder in the future.
- Do use the correct cleaning equipment; either a two component bucket and mop system or rotary scrubber dryer. It may cost a bit more up front but will save you a fortune in time and effort in the long run.
- Don't use excessive amounts of water. This will make your job harder, not easier. Damp mopping is the best solution if not using a scrubber dryer.
- For floors with high levels of pedestrian traffic seal the floor with a hard wearing floor polish, which will help with cleaning and extend the durability of the finish.