

Cleaning and Maintenance Guide for Grabo vinyl SPORTS Floorings

1. General Notes

Regular cleaning and maintenance is crucial for the durability and attractive appearance of your flooring. The floor maintenance schedule is primarily determined by the intensity of the traffic load.

Routine (daily) cleaning and periodical general maintenance are indispensable for preservation of the long-term appearance and performance of Grabo floor coverings.

Apart from the approved maintenance products listed in this guide, other cleansers with similar parameters (chemical formulation and pH-value) are also compatible for use with Grabo commercial vinyl floorings.

Do not use cleaning products that could damage the surface, e.g. abrasive cleaners or organic solvent-based detergents. As a general rule, always follow the detergent manufacturers' instructions and contact them for additional details when required.

Cleaning and maintenance procedures for Grabo safety floorings are described in a separate user guide.

2. Preventive Measures

Most of the dirt, grit and moisture that will need to be cleaned from the floor surface arrives from the street. The majority of this soiling can be kept outside by using efficient dirt barrier systems of appropriate size. The maintenance regime depends to a great extent on how efficiently the dirt is stopped at the front door.

Another point to consider is the use of high-quality, colourless heavy-duty plastic pads to be attached under the sharp legs and under the colored rubber wheels of sports equipment to protect the floor from scratching and discoloration.

The newly installed floor covering needs a basic cleaning that should be later repeated between certain periods of use.

3. Basic cleaning

- Remove loose debris, dirt and sand by sweeping and/or vacuum cleaning the surface.
- Remove the stubborn stains and built-up dirt.

Cleaning Chemicals and Equipment

- Highly alkaline basic cleanser (pH 13–14)
- Scuff and stain removing cleanser (e.g. Elatex)
- Rotary single disc scrubber machine with a red cleaning pad.
- Wet vacuum equipment
- Pad master /scrubbing brush, floor squeegee (with rubber profile)
- Mop (e.g. Quick-Step large mop/ dr.Schutz), micro fibre head is recommended.

The use of power cleanser for basic cleaning helps to quickly and radically remove the built-in dirt. It is a water-soluble tenside based detergent (also available with disinfectant component).

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Procedure

Apply the diluted cleanser to the surface of 5–10 m² and leave it for about 10–15 minutes to react with the soiling. Then machine scrub the floor, picks up the slurry, rinse thoroughly with clean water, pick up the water with a wet vacuum cleaner and mop to dry.

The frequency of basic cleaning depends on the intensity of the floor covering use.

Generally it is normal to perform a basic cleaning once in 1–3 months, depending on the intensity of use.

4. Daily Cleaning

- Remove loose debris, dirt and sand by sweeping and/or vacuum cleaning the surface, then wet cleaning is made by manually damp-mop the floor or perform wet machine cleaning.

Cleaning Chemicals and Equipment

- Slightly alkaline cleanser (pH 8–10)
- Alcohol based cleanser
- Mop (e.g. Quick-Step large mop/dr.Schutz), with micro fibre head.
- Pad master /scrubbing brush, floor squeegee (with rubber profile)
- Brush scrubber dryer machine

Manual damp-mopping

The usual daily cleaning set includes a mop with a mop handle and a suitable cleanser. Use anionic detergent or non-anionic, tenside based alcohol cleanser to preserve the original shine of the floor covering surface and achieve quick drying leaving no streaks or dull film.

Use the two-bucket method for cleaning vinyl floors.

Apply a pH=10 detergent and a scrubbing brush to heavily soiled surfaces. Then rinse with clean water and wipe dry. Use scrub brush for the special small areas, like corners, skirting.

Remove the shoe track and rest of glue with Elatex (dr. Schutz) or Pro 40 (Henkel) with using white mop.

Then rinse with clean water and mop to dry.

Machine wet cleaning

Use a brush scrubber dryer machine with white pad for best results. Use a pH10-11 detergent for cleaning heavily soiled surfaces. Then rinse with clean water and wipe dry.

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5. Approved Cleansers

Basic cleaning

Super Basic Cleaner/ Dr. Schutz
PH 14
Concentration: 10%
Add 100ml ELATEX to 10 litre solution!

Daily manual cleaning

Active Cleaner R280/ Dr. Schutz
PH 8.5
Concentration: 0.3–0.5%

Daily machine cleaning

Concentration: 0.3–0.5%
Floor Cleaner R 1000 / Dr. Schutz
PH 9.5
Concentration: 0.3–0.5%

Stain Removal

Use ELATEX/dr. Schutz for removing sports shoe' traces, rubber marks and handball wax.
After removal of any stain always wipe the floor with clean water and a mop or a napkin!

6. Cleaning tools, machines:

For basic cleaning:

Mono-disc compact scrubbing machine with red pads,
Wet-vacuum cleaner.

For daily cleaning:

Roller brushed scrubber drier machine with white pad. (Taski or similar approved)

Manual devices:

Manual rubbing mop (Pad Master /dr.Schutz) with white heads.
Mop with micro fibre head (e.g. Quick –Step Wide Mop/dr.Schutz or other similar mop).

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