

cork linoleum



The Monel method is recommended for manual cleaning and Maintenance of Cork Linoleum.

Advantages of the Monel method

The Monel method protects the floor surface by manual application of a Monel film. This film absorbs wet dirt, which will be removed at the next maintenance action. By consistent and regular application of the Monel method, the original satin gloss is retained. This contributes to the natural appearance of the floor and makes minor distortions less visible. The simple cleaning and maintenance actions reduce work to a minimum and are easy to perform.

The Monel method: Basic actions

After installation

- Clean with Cleaner and mop
- Pick up dirty water with wiper and mop or water vac
- Rinse with clean water and mop
- Apply Monel film with Monel solution and mop
- Allow floor to dry

Cleaning

- Wipe with dust mop and dust cloth
- Remove spots with Cleaner and (damp) mop

Maintenance

- Wipe with dust mop and dust cloth
- Clean with Cleaner and mop
- Apply Monel film with Monel solution and mop
- Allow floor to dry

Refurbishment

- Scrub with Cleaner and scrub brush
- Pick up dirty water with wiper and mop or water vac
- Rinse with clean water and mop
- Apply Monel film with Monel Solution and mop
- Allow floor to dry

N.B. Do not use Monel undiluted

As an alternative the following procedures may be adopted:

After installation

- Vacuum floor to remove loose soil
- Mop floor with a solution of Neutral detergent or for larger areas –
- Lightly scrub the floor using a rotary machine (150-180rpm) and soft brush attachment
- Rinse with clean water and mop
- Allow floor to dry

Cleaning

- Vacuum floor to remove loose soil
- Remove spots with Solution of neutral detergent and (damp) mop

Maintenance

- Vacuum floor to remove loose soil
- Mop floor with a solution of Neutral detergent – in cases of heavy or stubborn stains allow the detergent solution to soak for several minutes before or scrubbing or for larger areas –
- Rinse with clean water and mop
- Allow floor to dry

Refurbishment

- Vacuum floor to remove loose soil
- Scrub floor with a solution of Neutral detergent and scrub brush or for larger areas –
- Lightly scrub the floor using a rotary machine (150-180rpm) and brush attachment
- Rinse with clean water and mop
- Allow floor to dry floor today

N.B. Do not use a synthetic fibre disc on 4.5mm Cork linoleum as this will harm the surface structure

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Tips

If required, Monel can also replace Cleaner, when used in proper dilution.

See reverse for further tips and advice on effective floor care.

Best Practice: Tips for effective floor care

General advice

Cleaning

- Regular cleaning is more beneficial and cost effective than occasional heavy cleaning
- Always follow the Health and Safety guidance provided
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning products
- Use protective feet on chairs and tables to reduce scratching
- Remember that light colours may need to be cleaned more frequently

Use barrier matting

As much as 80% of dirt entering a building is brought in by foot traffic. Correct use of a good quality entrance barrier mat is recommended and can significantly reduce the volume of dirt reaching smooth floorcoverings; reducing maintenance costs and maximising appearance retention. It is generally accepted that a minimum area of 4 – 10 steps is required before soil is removed.

Protect newly laid floors

All newly laid floor surfaces should be covered and protected from all other trades during the contract with a suitable non-staining protective covering.

Use recommended cleaning products

High quality cleaning products and equipment ensure efficient maintenance and represents only a small proportion of maintenance costs.

Frequently asked questions:

How often should I clean and maintain my floor?

The optimum frequency for cleaning and maintenance is determined by the way the floor is used. When producing a cleaning and maintenance schedule it is good practice to consider the situation of the floor first: e.g. is it near an entrance to the building or on an upper floor? Will it collect dry or moist soil? What level of traffic will it be subjected to?

How do I remove stains?

Remove stains as soon as they are discovered. Try out removal on a sample piece or hidden area. Most stains can be safely removed using a dry (paper) towel, water, detergent, white spirit or alcohol (in that order). Do NOT use highly alkaline products (ammonia, soda) or strong solvents such as acetone as they can be harmful to both people and to your floor.

Can I use floor care products from other suppliers?

Many floor care products can be safely used on Forbo resilient floorcoverings. Consult with your regular supplier for more information. Try to avoid or minimize the use of high pH products, rinse the floor well after use of such products with clean water.

Can I polish my floor?

The advanced surface finishes applied to Forbo linoleums do not require the use of polish. However, if you do wish to polish your floor this will not harm it or affect any product warranties. If polish is to be applied do not attempt to remove the surface finish.

Forbo Floor Care products

Forbo have developed a range of floor care products which, when used with the Forbo Floor Care System, will help to keep your floor in perfect condition.

Forbo Spray offers ideal performance for local spray cleaning. Forbo Spray will restore localised small irregularities such as scratches and has excellent buffing properties ensuring the optimum visual appearance of the floorcovering.

Forbo Cleaner is a pH neutral detergent, which leaves no residue and will remove most common stains and soiling.

Monel is based on natural ingredients and offers a practical protective film and perfect cleaning properties in one product.

Cleaning materials and equipment suppliers

The following suppliers offer suitable products, the list is by no means exhaustive.

British Nova Works Ltd.	Tel: 01295 254030 Fax: 01295 254061
Butcher Cleaning Company Ltd.	Tel: 01543 676885 Fax: 01543 676663
DEB Ltd. (Odex)	Tel: 01773 596700 Fax: 01773 822548
Henkel – Ecolab Ltd.	Tel: 01793 511221 Fax: 01793 618552
Johnson Diversey	Tel: 01604 405311 Fax: 01604 406809
3M UK	Tel: 0161 236 8500 Fax: 0161 236 2562
Premiere Products Ltd.	Tel: 01242 243421 Fax: 01242 528445
Prochem Europe Ltd.	Tel: 020 8974 1515 Fax: 020 8974 1511

Forbo Flooring Systems cannot accept any responsibility for product recommendations made by other manufacturers, but should you require assistance in product selection please contact our Technical Services Department.