



RECOMMENDED CLEANING REGIME FOR RICHCO FLOORING SYSTEMS

Area of Use: Richco Flooring systems

For the performance characteristics of Richco Flooring Systems to be maintained it is very important an appropriate cleaning regime is established.

Richco recommends weekly cleaning of our Flooring Systems or in high trafficked areas - daily cleaning.

CLEANING

Floor cleaning should be considered as having two elements, the first being a chemical component and the second being mechanical.

The chemical component, a cleaning solution which will dissolve or emulsify the soil or contamination present, following which the mechanical element is applied to the floor with a scrubbing motion, either by hand or where space permits by a mechanical floor scrubbing machine.

Once this has taken place the removal of the dirt and rinsing the floor is the key to successful maintenance. It is essential that clean water is used for rinsing.

The following is a step-by-step method, which will maintain Richco Flooring Systems - in good condition:

- Sweep floor to remove loose debris and accumulation of soil
- Use the appropriate cleaning agent - detergent, deodoriser, degreaser or emulsifier.
- Apply cleaning agent, diluted as per the manufacturer's instructions and leave for a few minutes to allow it to react on the surface.
- Agitate by hand using a stiff brush.
- Flood with clean water and scrub.
- Remove dirty water with wet vacuum or squeegee.
- Dispose of contaminated water whilst paying special attention to By-law Regulations prohibiting the introduction of certain chemicals and solvents into surface water drains and sewer systems.

Do not use a mop and bucket on routine cleaning of the floors - this method of cleaning should only be used when dealing with spillages. In normal everyday usage the mop and bucket may remove heavy soiling but often the water is changed infrequently with the result that the floor is usually wiped with dirty water and a film of dirt spread uniformly across the floor and overtime will cause a matt surface.

CLEANING CHEMICALS

It is very important that the cleaning chemicals are diluted as per the manufacturer's guidelines; some materials will have an adverse effect on the floor if used in the wrong concentration, giving rise to etching, softening or other damage to the surface or body of the finish.

Bleach is not recommended for the cleaning of Richco Flooring Systems as it will cause the colour to fade after a period of prolonged use.

Richco will not be held responsible for incorrect cleaning procedures resulting in damage to the floor.



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POLISHING (Supplied by Cleenol Group Limited)

All of Richco flooring systems are different; some of our floors would benefit from having a high solids metallised floor polish applied to the surface periodically to maintain a gloss finish.

Richco would recommend that a 25% solids metallised floor polish is applied for a durable gloss finish. The high solids polish is for use in medium to heavy traffic areas where a hard wearing deep lustrous finish is required. There is no need for buffing as the high solids metallised polish dries to a high gloss finish.

The emulsion polish must be applied to the surface as per the manufacturers instructions.

CRYSTAL GRIP (Supplied by Cleenol Group Limited)

All of Richco flooring systems are different; some of our floors would benefit from having Crystal Grip applied over a polished surface. Crystal Grip is a specialist product which cleans polished floors and leaves a slip resistant polymer finish. Richco would recommend that Crystal Grip is applied to a polished floor surface periodically.

Crystal Grip is a detergent with cleaning properties and which leaves behind a low molecular weight polymer. This makes floors safer to walk upon and will not damage polish films.

Crystal Grip must be applied to the surface as per the manufacturers instructions.

RECOMMENDED CLEANING SUPPLIES

For any details referencing cleaning products and particular cleaning methods, we recommend that you speak direct to companies who specialise in cleaning products and cleaning machinery. We would recommend the following companies:

Cleaning Products

Cleenol Group Ltd
Beaumont Road
Banbury
OX16 1RB
Tele: 01295 251721
www.cleenol.co.uk

Cleaning Equipment

Tennant (or stockists of Tennant cleaning equipment)
Tele: 0800 111 4402
www.tennantco.com