

PolyMax™ Polymer Products

Flooring Maintenance Instructions

PolyMax™ floors are known for their ease of maintenance, stain and chemical resistance and durability. However, as with any valuable asset to your facility, some periodic maintenance will dramatically increase the life span of your investment. Once **PolyMax™** floors are thoroughly cured and hardened they can be routinely maintained as follows.

Routine Maintenance

Polymer flooring of all types must be kept clean to maintain slip resistance and uniform color. Frequency of cleaning is dependent upon the use of the floor but whatever the use, one should establish a regular maintenance routine.

When the floor becomes soiled, wash the floor with a neutral pH, “Free Rinsing, Low Suds Detergent” and rinse thoroughly. This type of detergent is available from most janitorial suppliers. Rinse thoroughly with running water. Squeegee to drain or remove with a wet/dry vacuum. **CAUTION:** Make certain that the detergent you use does not leave an oily or soap residue, as the residue can cause slip/fall injuries when wet and will collect dirt. “No Rinse” cleaners must be rinsed otherwise they will affect your floor finish.

The preferred method of cleaning is a mechanical scrubber that will brush clean the floor and pick up the dirty rinse water. Pressurized spray cleaning, maximum 1500 psi, is also acceptable, but the floor must be rinsed thoroughly with clean running water. Mopping typically does not clean any floor adequately and is therefore not recommended. When mopping is the only practical method of cleaning the rinse water must be changed frequently to renew slip resistance and prevent floor from becoming dull and soiled.

Although not required, clear maintenance coatings (sometimes called liquid wax) such as water based acrylic or acrylic/urethane coatings can dramatically extend the glossy look of the floor and provide additional stain and scratch resistance. They typically do not affect the floor’s slip resistance. These materials can be easily applied by machine or by mop and are very economical. True floor wax can be used, but due to the cost of application is not recommended. High-speed burnishing is not recommended. **DO NOT USE A SOLVENT BASED MAINTENANCE COATING.**

Rough Finish Floors

Rough finish floors should only be cleaned by a mechanical scrubber or pressurized water spray using a neutral pH, “Free Rinsing, Low Sudsing Detergent”. Due to the texture of the surface of this type of flooring, mopping is usually impractical. If rough finish floors must be mopped a less aggressive surface is advised.

Rough finish floors are normally used to increase slip resistance in wet, greasy or oily areas, therefore rinsing away the soiled cleaning water is of utmost importance. Remove soiled cleaning water by squeegee or with a wet/dry vacuum. Any residue left on the floor can leave the flooring dangerously slippery as soon as it becomes wet.

Spills

Spills of any kind should be cleaned up as soon as possible to prevent slip fall injuries, stains and damage. **PolyMax™** products are designed to resist many types of chemicals but any spill may damage the floor over extended periods.

Spills of acids, solvents and caustics should be removed by **following clean up instructions on the Material Safety Data Sheet for the spilled product.** The speed at which spills need to be addressed is dependent upon the spilled material, consult the chemical resistance chart on the product data sheet for your specific **PolyMax™** product or call **PolyMax’s Tele-Tech** technical services department at 1-405-755-8454 for specific instructions.