

# coral<sup>®</sup> marine FR FOR MARINE APPLICATIONS

## FORBO FLOORING CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE ADVICE

Coral marine FR textile entrance flooring systems are manufactured specifically to remove and retain soil at entrances to prevent it from being trafficked into a vessel. The soil is retained by the Coral marine FR entrance system until it is released during cleaning. As such, regular cleaning to remove the retained soil is essential to optimise long term performance, efficiency and appearance retention. Following these guidelines will ensure that the performance, efficiency and appearance of these products are retained. Coral marine FR flooring system products can be maintained using standard carpet cleaning methods.

### Initial clean before use

Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by vacuuming using an upright vacuum with a mechanically driven rotating brush. Spot clean if necessary.

### Regular Cleaning

The frequency of a regular cleaning method will depend on the amount of traffic, soiling type, soiling levels and desired appearance

To remove dry soiling deposits:

- Vacuum using an upright vacuum with a mechanically driven rotating brush.

Make several passes in all directions with the vacuum cleaner to ensure that all loose dirt is removed.

Vacuum action should be fast forward and slow backward.

- Spot clean if necessary.

To remove wet soiling deposits:

- Use a wet vacuum to remove excess moisture in the product
- For stubborn spillages and stains, use a hot water spray extraction machine or a 3 in 1 spray and brush machine.

### Periodic Maintenance

The regular cleaning actions above should be used when required to maintain optimum performance and appearance.

The frequency of periodic maintenance will depend on the efficiency of the regular cleaning actions in relation to the amount of traffic, soiling type, soiling levels experienced at individual entrances or locations.

**Please note:** When hot water spray extraction is used, please allow up to 24 hours before use or introduce warm air dryers to reduce the drying time.

### Spot Cleaning

- Use a dry clean white cloth, apply a neutral pH spot stain removal spray and work on the stain from the outside to the centre. If stain persists repeat as necessary. Rinse thoroughly with clean water and allow the floor to dry before use.

Do not use bleaching agents as these may damage the product and affect the colour.

## BEST PRACTICE: TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE FLOOR CARE

### General advice

#### Protect newly laid floors

All newly laid floors should be covered and protected from all other trades prior to project completion with a suitable non-staining protective covering.

### Cleaning

- Regular cleaning is more beneficial and cost effective than occasional deep cleaning.
- Use recommended cleaning products. High quality cleaning products and equipment ensure efficient maintenance and represent only a small proportion of maintenance costs.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for cleaning products.
- Always follow the Health and Safety guidance provided.

### Use of Floor Care Chemicals

The use of high and low pH cleaning chemicals may cause damage and/or discolouration. Overuse or inadequate rinsing of cleaning chemicals may compromise the performance of the floor.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How often should I clean my entrance flooring system?

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 the main entrance to the vessel or a less used side entrance? Will it collect dry or moist soil? What level of traffic will it be subjected to? Remember that light colours may need to be cleaned more frequently.

### How do I remove stains?

Remove stains as soon as they are discovered. Most stains can be safely removed using the spot cleaning advice given above. Do **NOT** use bleaching agents, high or low pH cleaning products or strong solvents as they can be harmful to both people and to your floor.

If any doubt exists test cleaning materials on a sample piece or in an inconspicuous area.

Marks caused by	Removed with
Dry spillage	Lift off any excess spillage and vacuum thoroughly
Chewing gum	Use proprietary gel based gum remover
Stain has returned	May be detergent residue or not fully rinsed after cleaning

### Recommended Floor care products

Forbo Flooring Systems only recommend the use of pH neutral, non-foaming, carpet detergents suitable for nylon fibres.

Other floor care products may be used on Forbo Coral marine FR floor coverings. If alternative products are to be used please consult with your regular supplier for more information, guidance and warranty.

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