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## smooth flooring / recommended cleaning methods

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AltroSmooth Intrinsic™, AltroSmooth Synthesis™, AltroSmooth Ethos™, AltroSmooth Chrysalis™

Initial clean		
<b>All products</b>	Initial clean to all material to remove any dust/dirt  Use AltroClean 44™ or equivalent alkaline cleaner	1. Sweep or vacuum up dust/dirt 2. Apply cleaner and scrub manually or by machine, using medium pads 3. Mop up or vacuum up residue 4. Rinse well with clean water and dry
Routine maintenance		
<b>AltroSmooth Chrysalis</b> <b>AltroSmooth Synthesis</b> <b>AltroSmooth Intrinsic</b>	Use AltroClean 48W Cleaner/maintainer or equivalent	Mop wash or spray clean with soft pads
<b>AltroSmooth Ethos</b>	Use neutral cleaner Do not use cleaner/maintainer, as this will leave a gloss finish	Mop wash or spray clean with soft pads
Initial treatment		
<b>AltroSmooth Intrinsic</b>	Use AltroGloss 211 or equivalent emulsion dressing	Apply 2-3 coats in alternate directions using a flat mop
Removing polish build up		
<b>All products</b>	As and when necessary to all materials  Use AltroClean 44 or an Emulsion Dressing Remover	Repeat steps in initial clean

Failure to maintain Altro flooring in accordance with recommended procedure can affect the performance of the product. Further information is available from Altro. Please ensure you have the Health and Safety

Data Sheet for any cleaner you intend to use. In the event of any queries our Technical Services Department will be pleased to advise you.

## Tips for successful maintenance of Altro smooth flooring

1. **Develop a regular cleaning programme suited to the usage and traffic of the area** – heavily trafficked or highly visible areas need to be cleaned more often than areas which are seldom used, or where appearance is less important.

Remember that dirty equipment, particularly mops, does not clean - it merely re-distributes dirt. When using a mop, always use a twin compartment bucket.

2. **Use only recommended cleaning liquids or their equivalent** – do not mix cleaning liquids and do not use more than the manufacturer's recommendations.

3. **Remove scuff marks regularly** – remove any rubber heel marks by extra spray buffing or by abrasion with a synthetic pad.

As with any vinyl floor, precautions should be taken against pedestrian traffic stains from recently laid tarmac or asphalt.

4. **Protect newly laid floors** - all newly laid smooth vinyl floor surfaces should be covered and protected from all other trades during the contact with a suitable non staining protective covering.

5. **Dust control; 80% of the dust in a building is carried in on people's shoes** – a suitable dirt excluder outside all entrances and a mat inside will protect the flooring. Mats should be regularly cleaned to maintain their effectiveness. Dust control mops are also useful.

### General notes concerning staining

Some materials are known to cause staining on vinyl floors. Typical examples include:

- Asphalt and bitumen materials
- Cardboard/hardboard (wet)
- Transfer of some fire treatments and maintenance materials used on carpets
- Dyes from printed literature or packaging
- Rubber-backed carpets and rubber mats
- Rubber furniture rests and trolley wheels
- Shoe soles not made from non-staining materials
- Heat degradation
- Chemicals used in cleaners e.g. pine oil
- Poster paints and powder paints

High quality cleaning chemicals and equipment ensure efficient maintenance and represent only a small proportion of maintenance costs. The following suppliers offer excellent products:

#### For suppliers of Altro cleaning products, contact:

**Altro** Tel: 0870 240 8855; Fax: 0870 240 8866;  
E-mail: sales@altro.com

**All Purpose Cleaning Supplies Ltd**  
Tel: 01664 566599; Fax: 01664 411599;  
E-mail: sales@allpurposelfd.com

#### The companies below recommend their own products for cleaning Altro floors:

**British Nova Works Ltd** Tel: 0208 574 6531;  
Fax: 0208 571 6572

**CSA** Tel: 01954 251573; Fax: 01954 251 931;  
E-mail: csaeagle@fsbdial.co.uk

**Diversey Lever Ltd** Tel: 01604 405311;  
Fax: 01604 406809

**Premier Products** Tel: 01242 243421;  
Fax: 01242 528445;  
E-mail: premier@premierproducts.co.uk

**Prochem Europe Ltd** Tel: 0208 974 1515;  
Fax: 0208 974 1511; E-mail: sales@prochem.co.uk

**SC Johnson** Tel: 01276 63456; Fax: 01276 852308

#### For suppliers of machines and equipment, contact:

**Cimex Ltd** Tel: 01202 499699; Fax: 01202 499465

**CSA** Tel: 01954 251573; Fax: 01954 251 931;  
E-mail: csaeagle@fsbdial.co.uk

**Diversey Lever Ltd** Tel: 01604 405311;  
Fax: 01604 406809

**Duplex UK Ltd** Tel: 01227 771276;  
Fax: 01227 770220; E-mail: duplex@line1.net

**All Purpose Cleaning Supplies Ltd** Tel: 01664 566599;  
Fax: 01664 411599; E-mail: sales@allpurposelfd.com

**Hako Clean Midlands** Tel: 01788 823535;  
Fax: 01788 823969; E-mail: sales@hako.co.uk

**Nilfisk Ltd** Tel: 01284 763163; Fax: 01284 703727;  
E-mail: mail@nilfisk-advance.co.uk

**Prochem Europe Ltd** (including deck scrubbers and edge cleaners) Tel: 0208 974 1515;  
Fax: 0208 974 1511; E-mail: sales@prochem.co.uk

**RGK Ltd** Tel: 01506 847999; Fax: 01506 847174;  
E-mail: sales@rgk.co.uk

**Rotowash (UK) Ltd** Tel: 0208 847 4545;  
Fax: 0208 569 7906; E-mail: cleanfloors@rotowash.com

**Wetrock Ltd** Tel: 01925 711222;  
Fax: 01925 711333; E-mail: sales@wetrock.uk.com

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