

CARE AND CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS – DECOTEC

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Regular cleaning is essential not only for appearance and hygiene, but also for maintaining the value of flooring. Sand and dirt reduce the lifespan due to abrasion. High-quality cleaning and care products help maintain optimal condition and highlight the appearance of Decotec flooring.

After installation and until final use, the floor must be well protected, as the risk of damage is highest during and shortly after installation, especially if other construction work is ongoing.

1.1 Preventive Measures:

Cleaning begins at the entrance. Adequately sized entrance matting systems are essential to reduce dirt ingress. These should be considered during planning, as they significantly influence floor lifespan and cleaning efficiency.

1.2 Cleaning Methods:

The appropriate cleaning method depends on factors such as area size, accessibility, equipment, and foot traffic. Small areas with low to medium traffic can usually be cleaned manually, while large areas with heavy traffic benefit from machine cleaning.

2. AFTER INSTALLATION

2.1 Initial Rough Cleaning:

Dry cleaning to remove loose dirt, debris, and residues by sweeping or vacuuming.

2.2 Final Construction Cleaning:

This initial deep cleaning prepares the floor for ongoing maintenance. It should take place at least 48 hours after installation and after adhesive curing. For heavy dirt, use an intensive cleaner with wet cleaning methods. Large areas may require a scrubber dryer.

2.3 Initial Care Treatment:

No initial treatment is required for Decotec flooring. If an additional coating is desired, use disinfectant-resistant coatings (especially in healthcare areas).

Water-insoluble coating:

Apply undiluted according to manufacturer instructions. 1–3 layers recommended.

Water-soluble treatment:

For low-use areas, a wipe-care product is sufficient. Apply according to manufacturer dosage. Initially, use higher concentration to form a protective film.

3. ROUTINE CLEANING

3.1 Sweeping:

Remove loose dirt using a dry mop or vacuum. Clean entrance mats regularly.

3.2 Damp Mopping:

Use slightly damp cloths or mops to remove loose dirt.

3.3 Wet Cleaning:

Add alcohol or neutral cleaners to water. If coated, use compatible cleaners. Use a double bucket system for efficient cleaning.

3.4 Spray Cleaning:

Dilute cleaning product per instructions, spray lightly, and clean with overlapping movements. Ideal for stubborn stains.

3.5 Machine Cleaning:

Use cleaning machines for large areas. Follow manufacturer instructions.

3.6 Deep Cleaning:

Required for heavy dirt or when routine cleaning is insufficient (not before 48 hours after installation). Use alkaline cleaner, then rinse thoroughly with clean water.

4. SPECIAL NOTES

4.1 Furniture and Chair Castors:

Use protective pads or pressure-distributing plates. Chair castors must comply with EN 12529 (type "W"). Remove staining substances immediately.

4.2 Tar, Bitumen, and Grease:

These substances may cause discoloration.

4.3 Smoldering Cigarettes:

Avoid installation in areas where cigarettes may be extinguished on the floor.