

safety flooring / recommended cleaning methods

Manual	Mechanical
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sweep up loose dirt and dust 2. Apply AltroClean 44™ or equivalent alkaline cleaner and leave for several minutes 3. Scrub with deck scrubber or edge cleaner 4. Mop up residue. Always use a twin compartment bucket to avoid redistribution of dirt 5. Mop rinse with clean, warm water and allow to dry 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vacuum up dust and dirt, remove large debris 2. Apply AltroClean 44™ or equivalent alkaline cleaner and leave for several minutes 3. Machine scrub using medium synthetic pad*† 4. Wet vacuum residue 5. Rinse with warm clean water and vacuum dry

* For Altro Marine™ 20, normally used in showers or for pool surrounds, a deck scrubber or brush scrubber is recommended rather than pads or mops, but a special cleaner may be required occasionally to remove hardened lime deposits.

Products incorporating Altro Easyclean Maxis™ Technology should be maintained using the same regime as described above. However, due to advances of Altro Easyclean Maxis™ Technology, the frequency of machine scrubbing will be reduced.

Altro Walkway™ 20 SD - for general maintenance use a neutral cleaner. Aggressive cleaning or the use of seal polishes may affect the static dissipative properties.

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.

Where Altro safety flooring is not required to provide maximum slip resistance, the flooring may be maintained in a manner similar to smooth vinyl flooring, by applying a metallised emulsion polish. However, this will reduce slip resistance in the areas concerned and it is the responsibility of the building owner to assess the appropriate level of slip resistance in all cases.



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Tips for successful maintenance of Altro safety 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.

The best and most cost effective method of cleaning Altro safety flooring is by machine.

Care should be taken to select the correct pad: medium pads for Altro safety flooring.

For Altro Marine 20, use nylon or polypropylene brushes. Remember that dirty equipment, particularly mops, does not clean but merely redistributes the dirt.

2. **Use recommended cleaning chemicals** - use only recommended cleaning liquids or their equivalent in the correct concentration. Do not mix cleaning liquids, and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Always check the suitability of cleaners for use on vinyl floors. Do not use cleaner containing pine oil.

3. **Remove scuff marks regularly** - to remove any rubber heel marks by abrasion use the correct machine pad, or scrub by hand, using scouring powder. For areas requiring renovation due to neglect or heavy soiling consult Altro Technical Services.

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

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, trolley wheels and rubber tyres
- Shoe soles not made from non-staining materials
- Heat degradation
- Some chemicals used in cleaners e.g. pine oil
- Poster paints and powder paints

Altro safety floor products incorporating Altro Easyclean Maxis™ Technology offer improved stain resistance. Please contact Altro Technical Services for further information.

High quality cleaning chemicals and equipment ensure efficient maintenance and represent only a small proportion of maintenance costs.

For suppliers of Altro cleaning products, contact:

All Purpose Cleaning Tel: 01664 566599;
Fax: 01664 411599; E-mail: sales@allpurposeltd.co.uk

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;
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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

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All Purpose Cleaning Tel: 01664 566599;
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Cimex Ltd Tel: 01202 499699; Fax: 01202 499465

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Diversey Lever Ltd Tel: 01604 405311;
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Hako Clean Midlands Tel: 01788 823535;
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Nilfisk Ltd Tel: 01284 763163; Fax: 01284 703727;
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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

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