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Altro Tierra™ static conductive flooring

recommended cleaning methods

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Altro Tierra static conductive flooring depends on direct foot contact for the dispersion of electrostatic charges. Floor polishes or dressings must not be used on Altro Tierra static conductive flooring unless they are specifically designed for use on static control floors.

Initial clean		
Altro Tierra	Initial clean to all material to remove any dust / dirt Use neutral cleaner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Removing polish build up		
Altro Tierra	As and when necessary to all materials Use alkaline cleaner 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 assist you.

Approved maintenance products

Generic description	Prochem www.prochem.co.uk	British Nova www.cleenol.co.uk	Diversey UK Ltd www.diversey.com
Neutral cleaner	Prodet	Liquid 99	Carefree Stride 1000
Anti-static emulsion dressing	Prostat	Longlife Antistatic	

Many other maintenance products are available and may be used if they fit the generic description given above.

Note: manufacturer's instructions regarding dilution rates, usage and rinsing must be strictly adhered to.

Tips for successful maintenance of Altro static conductive 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 contract 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, trolley wheels and 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

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

For further information or technical advice

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