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# Cleaning and maintenance guide for Altro Quartz tile

## Altro Quartz tile

### Immediately after installation

- Inspect the floor for any damaged or misaligned tiles and replace them.
- Remove adhesive residue. Do not use harsh solvents.
- Follow with clean water rinse.
- When using Ecofix 65 Spray adhesive, the floor is open to all traffic immediately after installation.
- When using Altrofix+ as a PSA the floor is open to light traffic immediately, 24 hours for heavy traffic, and 48 hours for heavy rolling loads.
- Equip all heavy furniture, appliances and carts with soft, non-staining casters or rests of sufficient size to meet static load resistance requirements.
- Use plywood panels to protect flooring from damage that may occur when moving heavy objects over flooring.
- Flooring should be covered and protected from all other trades during construction with a suitable non-staining protective covering such as Masonite™ or Ram Board®.

### Initial maintenance/daily maintenance

1. Do not begin any maintenance procedure until all adhesives have set, generally 72 hours after the completion of the installation.
2. Thoroughly sweep or vacuum the flooring to remove loose dust and debris.
3. Prepare cleaning solution with fresh, warm water and AltroClean 44. A dilution rate of 1:40 (or up to 1:10 for heavy soiling) may be used. **AVOID FLOODING THE FLOOR.**
4. Scrub the floor with a standard low-speed swing machine (150rpm – 350 rpm) fitted with an Altro Unipad or manually with a brush fitted with a square Altro Unipad. Alternatively an Auto Scrubber (3 in 1 machine) fitted with an Altro UniPad can be used.
5. Thoroughly rinse the floor with fresh, clean water and remove wash water with a wet vac. No cleaning residue should remain. Allow surface to dry thoroughly before use.

### Optional maintenance

Altro Quartz tile is made with a commercial grade polyurethane surface layer and does not require floor finish. However, if seam sealing is desired or a hi-gloss appearance is preferred, you may optionally apply 2 medium coats of floor finish. Allow each coat to dry before applying a new coat. Apply floor finish per manufacturers instructions.

### Routine maintenance with AltroClean 48W Cleaner/Maintainer

#### Manually scrubbing/swing machine

1. Dilute cleaner and place in mop bucket. Solution consists of 1 part AltroClean 48W to 40 parts clean, warm water. For heavily soiled floors, use 1 part AltroClean 48W to 10 parts clean, warm water.
2. Mop the floor with the solution and allow a few minutes for the cleaner to attack surface soil.
3. Scrub manually or with a low-speed swing machine (150rpm – 350rpm) using an Altro Unipad or white, fine nylon pad.
4. Thoroughly rinse the floor with fresh, clean water and remove fresh water with a wet vac or dry mop. No cleaning residue should remain.
5. If a higher gloss look is desired, apply a fine spray of the AltroClean 48W dilution once the floor has dried. Buff to a shine with a white, fine nylon pad.

#### Using an auto scrubber

1. Add cleaning solution to auto scrubber (see previous section for ratio).
2. Fit scrubber with white, fine nylon pads and scrub floor.
3. If a higher gloss look is desired, apply a fine spray of the AltroClean 48W dilution once the floor has dried. Buff to a shine using a lowspeed swing machine fitted with a white, fine nylon pad.

**Develop a regular cleaning program suited to the usage and traffic of the area** - Heavily trafficked, high visibility areas, or in areas where staining agents are to be used (salons, labs) your flooring will need to be cleaned more often. It will also perform better, in these areas, using the preferred maintenance with finish program and opting to add additional protective finish coats as needed. Additionally, it is also important to remove rubber sole scuffs regularly, whether by hand or with mechanical scrubber.

**Use recommended cleaning chemicals** - Use only preferred cleaning products. Always follow manufacturer's instructions including the correct dilution ratio. Always spot check the suitability of cleaners on floors prior to initial maintenance. Do not mix two different cleaning liquids together. Do not use cleaner containing pine oil or phenolic sanitizer.

**Remove scuff marks regularly** - Scratching, scuffing, and gouging is a natural occurrence on all floors. It can be reduced with proper and adequate furniture rests and chair feet, proper maintenance, maintaining with finish, adequate dirt control and correct color selection.

**Protect newly installed floors** - All newly laid floor surfaces should be covered and protected from other trades during construction with a suitable non-staining, non-taped, protective covering.

**Dirt control** - A suitable dirt excluder outside all entrances and an entry mat will help protect flooring. Mats should be regularly cleaned to maintain their effectiveness.

**Color selection** - The importance of color selection cannot be overstated. Careful consideration must be given before choosing a color.

- Light colors will show more dirt and sole scuffs.
- Dark colors will show more scratching and abrasion.
- Medium tones are best in high traffic areas.
- Maintain light and dark colors using the preferred maintenance with finish protocols.

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

- Asphalt and bitumen materials
- Cardboard / hardboard (wet)
- Some fire-retardant treatments used on carpets
- Dyes from printed literature or packaging
- Rubber-backed carpets and rubber mats
- Rubber furniture rests and wheels
- Shoe soles not made from non-staining materials
- Heat degradation
- Some chemicals used in cleaners (e.g. pine oil) and disinfectants

## Recommended maintenance products

### Cleaners

AltroClean 44 & Altro Clean 48W	<a href="http://altrostore.com">altrostore.com</a>
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*Alternative products can be used that are intended for Altro Quartz Tile flooring. Consult the manufacturer of the product to determine suitability.*

### Cleaner / maintainer

AltroClean 48W	<a href="http://altrostore.com">altrostore.com</a>
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### Initial Seal (optional)

Diversey Over & Under	Floor Guy
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### Finishes (optional)

AltroClean 48W	Altro
Diversey Carefree Matte	Floor Guy
Diversey Complete	Floor Guy
Taski Wiwax	Floor Guy

### Equipment

Altro Unipad*	<a href="http://altrostore.com">altrostore.com</a>
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