

# Maintenance for operating rooms

Cleaning recommendations for sterile environments



## In-between procedure maintenance

- The floors should be cleaned and disinfected with a mop following each surgical procedure, when the floors are visibly or potentially soiled by blood or other bodily fluids.
- Ensure the floor is thoroughly rinsed with fresh, clean water. No cleaning residue should remain on the floor. Utilizing a dual bucket system can help to reduce time needed for this task.
- Walls are to be spot cleaned and disinfected after each surgery or procedure when they are visibly soiled.
- All cleaning equipment should be cleaned and disinfected before reuse or storage to prevent cross-contamination.

## End of day maintenance

- Sweep and/or vacuum floor surface to remove all loose dust and debris.
- Clean and disinfect the entire floor, including areas beneath OR bed and other mobile equipment. This can be done with a machine scrubber or mop.

- Ensure the floor is thoroughly rinsed with fresh, clean water. No cleaning residue should remain on the floor.

## Scheduled maintenance/deep cleaning

- Sweep and/or vacuum floor surface to remove all loose dust and debris prior to applying cleaners.
- The floor should be scrubbed with an automatic scrubber (3-in-1 machine) or a standard low speed swing machine (150rpm to 350rpm) fitted with an Altro Unipad™. If using a standard low-speed swing machine, remove wash water with a wet vac.

Please note: Altro recommends facilities review all standards and guidelines put forth by Association for Healthcare Environments (AEH) and Association for peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN) before proceeding with regular, pre and post-surgery cleaning routines for floors and walls.

Please see next page for our step-by-step, cleaning instructions for floors and walls.



## Cleaning guides

### Regular mechanical maintenance for floors

1. Sweep and/or vacuum floor surface to remove all loose dust and debris.
2. Apply diluted\* AltroClean 44™ to the floor. Allow to sit for five minutes to allow the cleaner to attack the surface soil. DO NOT flood the floor unless the flooring system was designed for holding water and was installed per Altro's Detailing guide for wet environments. Always allow the adhesive to dry and cure before flooding any floor.
3. Scrub floor with an automatic scrubber (3-in-1 machine) or a standard low speed swing machine (150rpm to 350rpm) fitted with an Altro Unipad™.
4. If using a standard low-speed swing machine, remove wash water with a wet vac.
5. Ensure the floor is thoroughly rinsed with fresh, clean water. No cleaning residue should remain on the floor.
6. Allow surface to dry before use.

\* Dilution rates depend on the condition of the floor. For moderate soiling use a 1:40 dilution ratio. For heavy soiling use 1:10.

### Regular cleaning for Altro Whiterock

- Altro Whiterock can be cleaned with a diluted soap/detergent solution, such as PVC wall cleaner (for stubborn stains) or AltroClean 44 cleaner.
- Use a lint-free, non-woven wipe or a polyester knit wipe. Both are extremely low in particle generation.
- When cleaning Altro Whiterock's surface, we recommend the temperature of water does not exceed 140°F (60°C).
- Pressure cleaning with hot water may be used with the pressure nozzle, a minimum of 2 feet (600mm) away from the surface.
- To reduce the buildup of static, regularly cleaning the panels with an antistatic solution or anti-static wipes is recommended.
- Some cleaning and disinfecting agents may adversely affect Altro Whiterock. See the full chemical resistance chart on our website [altro.com](http://altro.com)
- Do not use materials containing abrasives or solvents.

Laminated illustrated cleaning cards are also available in English, French and Spanish languages.

