



## Tips & Tricks: Basic cleaning and coating

In order to achieve an efficient and effective result, a few key considerations must be borne in mind when it comes to basic cleaning and coating. New coverings may for example come with a protective layer which must be removed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Appropriate personal protection equipment should be used for each cleaning process and product. Attention should be paid to notices on safety data sheets, operating instructions and technical data sheets.

### Checklist

#### Important recommendations for basic cleaning:

- A timetable and staffing plan should be agreed with the client before commencing
- Preliminary survey, i.e. identification of the type of floor covering and its composition and condition (damage, seams etc.)
- Before starting work, switch off underfloor heating well in advance (~6 hours recommended)
- Maintain an optimal room and surface temperature of 10 to 25°C
- Clear furniture from the rooms; if necessary sketch or photograph positions
- Protect delicate elements, mask off adjoining surfaces
- Select appropriate equipment; depending on the delicacy of the floor covering use a red, green or brown pad or scrubbing brush (observe the manufacturer's cleaning and care instructions)
- Prepare universal basic cleaner Planta® Multi Stripper P 321 or alternative cleaning chemical (basic cleaner, defoamer, etc.)
- Display "Slip Hazard" warning sign or cordon off area where necessary
- Lay down dirt suction mat, remove heavy soiling by wet wiping
- Prepare and apply the basic cleaning solution in accordance with the manufacturer's dosage and application instructions
- Do not use hot water; ensure full surface coverage
- Observe recommended reaction times; during the reaction time pay attention to borders and bases
- Caution: Do not allow the cleaning solution to dry out!
- Scour the floor covering using a single-disk machine and suitable pad
- Fully remove any remaining dirt and care product residues, remove cleaning solution using a wet vacuum cleaner
- Rinse sufficiently with clean water and vacuum again
- Wet wipe the floor again with clean water and leave to dry



### Important for coating:

- Maintain an air humidity of between 30 and 70 %
- Never thin or mix coating product
- Use appropriate equipment, disk pads and lint-free cloths
- Treat or coat the floor covering when dry. It is essential to observe drying times between separate applications
- Amount of care product or alternative coating product, depending on the absorbency of the covering, for 1st application: 40 – 60 ml per m<sup>2</sup>; 2nd-3rd application: 20 – 40 ml per m<sup>2</sup>
- Repeat the coating process 2 to 3 times depending on desired result
- Caution: Every layer must be allowed to dry out completely
- Work "wet-on-wet", overlap the coating as you proceed, do not spread the coating too far ahead
- Avoid draughts during the care film drying phase
- Do not return remainders of care product to the canister
- Replace furniture to original positions, according to sketch/photo, after drying time
- Once containers have been opened, use within 4 weeks wherever possible; if unopened, coatings may be stored for up to a year
- Wait at least 12 hours before using the surface
- Repeat coating process as necessary or at least once every 2 years

### Tips & Tricks:

- Always have a damp cloth to hand in order to be able to immediately wipe away splashes of the basic cleaning solution from wooden skirting boards or walls
- If glossy areas remain, the basic cleaning must be repeated (if necessary, abrade when dry with Corridor® Dryex S 711)
- A sponge soaked with defoamer in the wet vacuum cleaner helps to prevent foam formation.
- Place equipment and canisters on dirt-trapping mats

Following the procedure outlined above will help you to achieve the best possible working results, both economically and ecologically speaking.