

MAINTENANCE

Preventative Measures & Tips on Care

Regular cleaning is more beneficial to the floor covering and more cost effective than occasional heavy cleaning.

1. Always sweep, mop or dry vacuum the floor regularly. Dirt, grit, gravel and drywall debris will damage floor surface.
2. Always use clean equipment – dirty equipment only redistributes the dirt.
3. Do not mix cleaning and finishing products from different manufacturers – they may not be compatible.
4. Always remove any spillage or excess water immediately.
5. A quality doormat at the entrance should be used to help protect from outside grit and sand and reduce maintenance
6. Always take precautions to prevent dark rubber from coming into contact with the floor. Certain types of rubber soles/heels will leave scuff marks.
7. Never deviate from the manufacturer’s recommended dilution rates.
8. Never slide heavy furniture or fittings over an unprotected floor or severe scratching may result. The floor should be protected from the wheels or feet of fittings, avoiding rubber products, which may stain.

Made from extremely durable 100% pure Vinyl with factory applied UV cured Acrylic coating for greater durability and easier maintenance. Regular cleaning and maintenance will provide long lasting beauty and make caring for your Harbinger flooring a breeze. Because of the protective Acrylic coating most floors will require only steps 1 and 2 below. Applying floor finishes is optional and at the discretion of the end user.

For Routine Cleaning:

Step 1:

Before starting, floor must be cleaned of loose dirt with a soft broom or vacuum cleaner. Clean off all dust dirt and residue from bottoms of chair and table legs. Check that all chairs and tables have soft floor protectors on them. Entrance ways to the building should have appropriate grilles, mats and runners to prevent dirt and sand from entering the building.

Step 2:

Thoroughly sweep or vacuum floor before washing. Add 1 ounce (4 ml/l) of Harbinger Millennium Neutral Blue Floor Cleaner to 1 gallon of warm water. Damp mop the floor using a clean sponge or mop. At routine cleaning concentrations it is not necessary to rinse the floor after cleaning. For best results, continue to rinse the mop or sponge throughout the cleaning process. Always remove excess water. Wet floors are slippery; always use warning signs to advise that cleaning is in progress.

For Extra Dirty Floors:

Add 4 ounces (16 ml/l) of Millennium Neutral Blue Floor Cleaner to gallon of warm water. Proceed as stated above. Rinse.

For Heavily Soiled Areas:

Add 8 ounces (32 ml/l) of Vardet 383 Non Butyl degreasing Floor Cleaner to gallon of warm water and allow it to saturate for 3-4 minutes. A scrub brush or nylon pad may be used to loosen dirt. For best results, continue to rinse the brush or pad throughout the cleaning process. Neutralize and Rinse.

For Commercial Restaurant and areas with grease and oil:

Add 8 ounces (50 ml/l) of Vardet 383 Non Butyl degreasing Floor Cleaner to gallon of warm water and allow it to saturate for 3-4 minutes. A scrub brush or nylon pad may be used to loosen dirt. For best results, continue to rinse the brush or pad throughout the cleaning process. Neutralize and Rinse.

For an Extra Protective Coating:

In Extra high traffic conditions and areas where staining agents are used i.e.: hair salons, operatories and cosmetic counters. Apply Millennium Satin Shield Stain Resistant Floor Sealer before the application of the Millennium Satin Low Gloss Floor Finish.

Step 3:

Harbinger Millennium Satin Low Gloss Floor Finish

Apply Millennium Satin Low Gloss Floor Finish in a thin, even coat using a wax mop after the floor has been thoroughly cleaned with Millennium Neutral Blue Floor Cleaner and the floor has been rinsed and neutralized. Allow the first coat of Millennium Satin Low Gloss Floor Finish to dry for approximately 30 minutes, and then repeat the process in opposite direction. It is recommended to let the floor dry overnight before walking on the surface. When, after a period of time, the protective coating created with Millennium Satin Low Gloss Floor Finish needs replenishing, the floor should be deep cleaned with a black or brown stripper pad using the Vardet 383 Non Butyl degreasing Floor Cleaner. Then the floor should be rinsed and neutralized before reapplication of Millennium Satin Low Gloss Floor Finish.

Periodically the floor may require stripping and refinishing. Use Millennium Neutra-Strip Floor Stripper and refinish as above.

NOTE TO INSTITUTIONS:

Several facilities we have observed use spray buffing with very good success. Spray buffing is where the floor gets mopped clean of dirt, grit and spills. Then the cleaners simply use a white polishing pad and apply the spray buffing solution (we have used both Millennium satin as well as quick snap brand for this). The liquid is sprayed on the floor and then worked back and forth with the polisher until dry. It fills in any small scratches and removes scuffs while leaving a new top coat of finish. It can also be used to do touch ups in high use areas. It is far less labour intensive and more cost effective than strip and wax regimes. It is of course imperative that your cleaning company has a floor polisher.

Please request Technical Data sheets from your Harbinger representative. Harbinger commercial flooring maintenance products are available from your retailer or through our toll free customer service line below.

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