



Smooth Vinyl Flooring Cleaning Card

Ethos, Dolce, Altro Quartz Tile, Chrysalis, Melodico

The preferred method of maintenance is with the use of an auto-scrubber (3 in 1 machine) and with the use of AltroClean 44™. A low speed swing machine may be an alternative.

Initial Maintenance

1. Do not begin any maintenance procedure for at least 72 hours after installation.
2. Sweep or vacuum floor surface to remove all loose dust and debris.
3. Floor should then be scrubbed using an automatic scrubber (3 in 1 machine) or a standard low speed swing machine (150 to 350 rpm) fitted with Altro UniPad(s), using a 1:10 dilution of AltroClean 44 with warm, clean water.
4. If not using an auto-scrubber, remove wash water with a wet vacuum.
5. Rinse well with clean water and dry.

Do not flood the floor!

Recommended Maintenance

Seal the Floor

For the initial maintenance procedure, apply two coats of Johnson OVER & UNDER® before applying floor finish.

Apply Floor Finish

After the floor has been cleaned, rinsed, and allowed to dry, seal with two (2) medium (2,000 sq. ft. per gallon) coats of floor finish should be applied to protect the floor. Use Johnson CAREFREE MATTE™ Floor Finish for the desired "low gloss" look. Apply no more than two coats in a 24-hour period. Allow 10-15 minutes after finish is dry to the touch before applying additional coats (usually 45-60 minutes are required between coats).

Daily and Routine Maintenance

1. Sweep or vacuum floor surface to remove all loose dust and debris.
2. As required by soiling, damp mop or auto scrub using Johnson STRIDE™ according to label instructions. Use an Altro UniPad for the auto scrubber or with a low speed swing machine.

Alternative No-Finish Maintenance Using AltroClean 48W

Using an Automatic Scrubber

1. Sweep or vacuum floor surface to remove all loose dirt and debris.
2. Add AltroClean 48W in a 1:40 dilution rate to clean warm water into the auto-scrubber.
3. Fit machine with white (fine) nylon pads and the clean floor with auto-scrubber.
4. After the floor is dry, if a higher gloss level is desired, apply a fine spray of 48W (dilution 1:40) and use a low speed swing machine (150-350 rpm) fitted with a white (fine) nylon pad and buff to a shine.

Alternate Method — Using a Low Speed Swing Machine (150-350 rpm)

1. Sweep or vacuum floor surface to remove all loose dirt and debris.
2. Add AltroClean 48W in a 1:40 dilution rate to clean warm water into a mop bucket.
3. Mop the floor with this solution and allow a few minutes for the cleaner to attack the surface soil.
4. Scrub with the low speed swing machine using an Altro UniPad or a white (fine) nylon pad.
5. Remove excess liquid using a wet vacuum.
6. After the floor is dry, if a higher gloss level is desired, apply a fine spray of 48W (dilution 1:40) and use a low speed swing machine fitted with a white (fine) nylon pad and buff to a shine.

Dilution rate

Regular maintenance: Use 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.



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Tips for successful maintenance of Altro Flooring

Develop a regular cleaning program 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. The best and most cost effective method of cleaning Altro flooring is by an auto-scrubbing machine. Care should be taken to select the correct pad.

Use recommended cleaning chemicals - Use only recommended cleaning liquids or their equivalent in the correct dilution. Do not mix two different cleaning liquids together, and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Always check the suitability of cleaners for use on vinyl floors. Do not use cleaner containing pine oil or phenolic sanitizer.

Remove scuff marks regularly - To remove any rubber heel marks by abrasion use the correct machine pad, or scrub by hand. For areas requiring renovation due to neglect or heavy soiling consult Altro Technical Services.

Protect newly laid floors - All newly laid floor surfaces should be covered and protected from all other trades during the contract with a suitable nonstaining protective covering, such as Masonite™.

Dirt control; 80% of the dirt in a building is carried in on shoes - A suitable dirt excluder outside all entrances and a mat inside just prior to the flooring will protect the it. 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 and wheels
- Shoe soles not made from non-staining materials
- Heat degradation
- Some chemicals used in cleaners e.g. pine oil

High quality cleaning chemicals and equipment ensure efficient maintenance and represent only a small proportion of maintenance costs. The following suppliers listed below offer excellent products:

Cleaning Agent Companies				
Alkaline Cleaners:	AltroClean 44	Altro Flooring	USA/CAN	800-377-5597 / 800-565-4658
	Johnson's Break-Up	Diversey	USA/CAN	800-842-2341
Neutral Cleaners:	AltroClean 48W	Altro Flooring	USA/CAN	800-377-5597 / 800-565-4658
	Johnson's Over & Under Stride	Diversey	USA/CAN	800-842-2341
	Taski Profi	Diversey	USA/CAN	800-842-2341
Disinfectants:	Virex 128 Disinfectant	Diversey	USA/CAN	800-842-2341
	PerDiem Disinfectant	Diversey	USA/CAN	800-842-2341
	VIROX 5 Disinfectant	Diversey	USA/CAN	800-842-2341
Acrylic Floor Finishes Companies				
	AltroClean 48 W	Altro Floors		800-377-5597 / 800-565-4658
	Johnson's Carefree Matte	Diversey		800-842-2341
	Johnson's Complete	Diversey		800-842-2341
	Taski Wiwax	Diversey		800-842-2341
For suppliers of machines and equipment, contact:				
	Altro UniPad	Altro	USA/CAN	800-377-5597 / 800-565-4658
	T-255 Rough Floor Mop	Rubbermaid	USA/CAN	www.rcpworksmaster.com
	Scrubtec 545	Nilfish ALTO	USA/CAN	800-898-2235 / 800-668-8400
	Vantage 17 Scrubber	Clarke	USA/CAN	800-253-0367 / 800-668-8400
	Taski Combimat 300E	Diversey	USA/CAN	800-842-2341
	Taski Floor Machines	Wood Wyant Inc.	CAN	800-668-3131
	Windsor iScrub 2	Windsor	USA/CAN	800-444-7654
	Roto Wash	R.E.Whittaker Co.	USA/CAN	800-422-7686