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## Forbo Linoleum Floor

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**NOTE: Caution is required when using alkaline solutions.**

Just as a linseed paint coat can be removed with a highly alkaline solution, the linseed oil in linoleum dissolves and creates a porous surface from exposure to highly alkaline strippers.

**Alkaline strippers should not be used!**

**IMPORTANT**

- Do not scrub with alkaline detergents or alkaline strippers.
  - Do not use hot water for scrubbing.
  - Use only approved \*strippers for linoleum floors to remove old floor finish.
  - Do not scrub with anything more aggressive than a green pad or soft brush.
- \* Approved strippers: Taski LinoStrip, JWP Linosafe®.

**Cleaning and Maintenance Instructions:**

- **Post Construction (5 days after installation)** Note: Do not wash or machine scrub the floor for at least 5 days after installation. This is to allow for proper curing of the adhesive and to prevent excess moisture from interfering with the adhesive bond.
1. Remove all surface soil, debris, sand and grit by sweeping or dust mopping floor.
  2. Scrub the floor with JohnsonDiversey neutral cleaner. Take care not to saturate the floor; pick up the solution as quickly as possible.

**NOTE: Do not strip factory finish.**

**Initial Treatment**

1. Apply 2-3 coats of Taski Vision Matte or JWP CAREFREE® Matte Floor Finish. (It is recommended by the floor manufacturers to use a low gloss floor finish. A higher gloss floor finish can be used if facility insists. Note: When using a Matte finish on darker floors, test appearance in a small area first.)

**Note: Because of Forbo's unique Topshield floor finish treatment, a floor finish is not necessary; however, in certain application additional protection may be needed, use \*recommended JohnsonDiversey floor finish,**

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**JWP LinoBase® Sealer (must be top-coated)**

**JWP Carefree matte**

**Taski Vision Matte**

- **Daily Cleaning**

1. Dust mop floor. (use JD Pace or Taski Lamello and Micro-Fiber dust mop)
2. Auto scrub or damp mop the floor using a solution of diluted neutral pH cleaner (e.g. STRIDE® Citrus/Floral Neutral Cleaner, Taski R50 or Crystal).

**Note:**

(CAREFREE Matte or TASKI VISION MATTE Floor Finish should not be spray-buffed unless customers are prepared for the gloss to increase as a result.)

- **Interim Cleaning**

1. Dust mop.
2. Top scrub floor with blue/green cleaning pad and dilution of neutral cleaner.
3. Wet vacuum or use auto-scrubber to pick up soiled solution, rinse, and allow to air dry thoroughly.
4. Apply 2 coats of CAREFREE Matte Floor Finish or a high gloss JohnsonDiversey floor finish (increasing number of coats as necessary, but not more than 3 in a 24 hours period).

- **Stripping**

1. Dust mop floor.
2. Prepare a solution of JWP LINOSAFE Stripper or Taski LinoStrip dilution for heavy build-up (1:4) or for light build-up (1:6).
3. Apply stripper in a small area and let it soak for 10 minutes.
4. Scrub floor with a floor machine and green pads.
5. Wet vacuum or use auto-scrubber to pick up soiled solution.
6. Rinse floor with water and allow to air dry.
7. Complete by applying an additional 2 coats of JWP CAREFREE Matte Floor or Taski Vision Matte Finish, allowing to air dry thoroughly between coats. For a high gloss appearance, apply the JohnsonDiversey floor finish appropriate to the level of appearance demanded & the maintenance practices of the facility.

**Use of LINOBASE Sealer on linoleum floors:**

LINOBASE is a permanent sealer for linoleum floors. It offers protection for new and older linoleum as well as helping to restore damaged linoleum. It helps provide chemical and stain resistance while also helping to protect the linoleum against water damage and conventional alkaline floor cleaners and strippers.

**The use of LINOBASE is appropriate in any facility that:**

- A. Is using a high gloss floor finish.
- B. Has a high risk area where high pH chemicals are being used (i.e. R&D labs, ER room, etc)
- C. Has an area where linoleum tile is bordered with PVC tile and therefore there is a high risk of the regular stripper spilling.
- D. Has areas that require more frequent wet scrubbing and stripping.

**Note:**

LINOBASE Sealer does not create a barrier that will allow the usage of an alkaline cleaner.

**Winter Floor Care Actions**

The use of abrasive traction aids such as sand, clay or cinders during winter months can damage floor surfaces.

Proactive action must be taken in order to keep abrasives and ice melting salts out of the facility. Appropriate entrance matting placed outside and inside the facility is recommended to guard against excessive floor damage and slip hazards.

During winter conditions facility may experience dramatic rise of wet soil in the facility. A more aggressive cleaning schedule may be needed under these conditions. Use Neutralizer cleaner in a mop bucket, increase floor matting area and frequently inspect and mop any wet areas, if necessary, to reduce chance of slipping..

**Spray buffing:**

Floors with low traffic and without additional coats of floor finish floor can be maintain with Spray buffing application , use TASKI P44, or Ultra spray or JWP Snapback Spray Buff.