

Modern day cleaning methods now focus on reducing wet cleaning procedures and are replaced by drier cleaning techniques. For example, the use of pre-impregnated mops laundered centrally, plus making use of appropriate cleaning machines. This makes work easier for the cleaning staff, more effective and influences the environment as little as possible. Less or even no chemicals and less fresh water are used. This way the cleaning procedures yield improved results of a constant quality. iQ flooring by Tarkett has a PUR reinforced wear layer as well as an unique construction making full restoration without chemicals possible throughout the life time of the flooring.

## INITIAL SITE CLEAN

Always protect the floor with thick paper, hard board or similar during the construction period.

An initial site clean is always to be recommended before using the new flooring. Lightly soiled floors: Vacuum, sweep or damp mop the area to remove loose dirt and building dust. A combined scrubber/dryer with brushes or orange/white pads are very effective to clean large areas. Use a detergent with low ph, 3-5, to be able to pick up dust from construction work.

## PREVENTIVE CARE FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT

Use correctly dimensioned entrance matting to remove dirt in the entrance area. About 80% of all the dirt on the floor that has to be cleaned off is brought in from outside. And 90% of that can be avoided by effective and correctly dimensioned entrance matting. The less dirt that comes in through the entrance, the lower the maintenance requirements.

## CLEANING



**Daily cleaning:** Dry or damp mopping.



**Machine cleaning:** In order to achieve good results, clean the floor gently with a combined scrubber-dryer machine and red pad.

**iQ Optima Essence Embossed:** Preferably the Combi machine should be equipped with a medium hard brush.

**Cleaning chemicals:** Use a neutral floor cleaner. Wet-rooms may necessitate occasional cleaning with acidic cleaning agents, pH 3 to 5, in order to remove residual lime and soap.

**Warning!** Always follow dosage instructions carefully!

### Just Water cleaning concept

Cleaning without any detergent is possible if a Combined Scrubber Dryer equipped with suitable diamond scouring pad type Twister Green or of equal quality\* is used.

\*Please make absolutely sure your alternative pad supplier approves this usage.

## MAINTENANCE



**Dry buffing** is the most efficient method to use to restore the floor's surface once wear has become visible. It is best to dry-buff right after you have machine cleaned the floor. Dry buffing limits renewed soiling. Best result is received by 500 to 1000 rpm and the use of a red pad (also for iQ Optima Essence Embossed). The higher the speed, the higher the gloss. Dry buff frequently in accordance with the amount of wear.



**Heavy wear and soiling necessitates machine cleaning.** Apply the cleaning solution (a fairly strong cleaning agent, pH 10-11, added to water) to the flooring and allow to penetrate for 5-10 minutes. Clean the floor using a heavy single scrub machine and blue pad (medium hard brushes for Essence). Vacuum away the dirty water immediately. Rinse with clear water. Allow the floor to dry and then dry-buff according to the instructions.

## REMOVING MARKS



Treat marks immediately. Use white/red nylon pads or hard brush. Moist it with methylated spirits, cleaning spirit or neutral detergent. Wipe one more time with clean water.

## GENERAL ADVICE

- Resilient floors are damaged by solvents.
- Wipe up any spilt oil immediately because it may damage the surface.
- Black rubber wheels and rubber feet can discolour.
- All chair legs must have protective feet.
- Remember that light colours need more frequent cleaning.

*If any doubts or clarifications should be needed, please contact your local Tarkett representative for further information.*

## Additional maintenance recommendation for iQ floorings.

**In areas with very frequent high traffic and high amount of grit on the floor, a more frequent cleaning and dry buffing treatment will be required. If this frequency has not been put in place, the result will be a floor with a dull and/or scratched surface.**

**In such case a more thorough treatment will be needed to be able to repair and get the surface back to a normal condition. After this repair treatment is done shall our normal recommendations be followed.**

**Below two methods are described. One, "Light", for less worn areas and "Heavy" for more scratched surfaces.**

**Please follow these steps carefully:**

### « LIGHT »

- Machine scrub with blue 3M pad and detergent. Use a Maintainer\*, for example Diversey Tensol, and a heavy machine, preferably a Duo Speed. Use low speed 165 to 185 rpm. Scrub cross-wise.
- Wet vacuum slurry carefully.
- Rinse with pure water. Wet vacuum once again.
- Dry buff with approx. 330 rpm (the highest on the Duo Speed machine) and red 3M pad.
- If high gloss is requested, dry buff on high speed with red 3M pad.
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### « HEAVY »

- Machine scrub with brown 3M pad and detergent. Use a Maintainer\*, for example Diversey Tensol, and a heavy machine, preferably a Duo Speed. Use low speed 165 to 185 rpm. Scrub cross-wise.
- Wet vacuum slurry carefully.
- Rinse with pure water. Wet vacuum once again.
- Dry buff with approx. 330 rpm (the highest on the Duo Speed machine) and blue 3M pad.
- Dry buff once again as above but this time use red pad.
- If high gloss is requested, dry buff on high speed with red 3M pad.

## GENERAL ADVICE

- It is highly recommended to use machine cleaning, so called Auto Scrubber Driers, whenever possible. Today there are efficient machines developed also for use in smaller areas.
- Adapt the cleaning frequency to the soiling level. Cleaning more often reduces unnecessary wear and need of maintenance.

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\* Follow manufacturers dosing instructions carefully.

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