

THE VERSAFLEX™ SYSTEM BY INTERFACEFLOR MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Overview

Correct maintenance of The Versaflex™ System will preserve and extend its useful life while maintaining a satisfactory level of appearance and comfort. The following recommendations will minimise the effects of dirt and protect your investment.

Please refer to the InterfaceFLOR carpet tile cleaning and maintenance guide for guidance on all aspects of maintaining your carpet tiles as part of the installation.

Barrier Matting

Barrier mats are an integral part of any maintenance programme as they are designed to capture inbound soil at threshold points.

Any soiling can be removed by vacuum cleaning (using a machine such as Sebo BS36) so that it does not spread to other areas.

A minimum of 3-5 metres of barrier matting should be placed at the point of entry dependent on volume and level of traffic flow.

Vacuum Cleaning/Sweeping

A thorough vacuuming/sweeping programme is essential for the long term appearance of this product.

For The Versaflex™ System (Hard Surface) we recommend that any loose dust and dirt is removed using a suction only vacuum cleaner or with a medium-bristled broom or brush. The frequency of vacuuming/sweeping should be determined by visual inspection but ideally should be daily.

For thorough cleaning keep movements slow and methodical.

Spot Cleaning

Localised stains caused by accidental spillage may occur. Daily removal of spots and spills will help maintain an acceptable level of appearance.

Immediate action should be taken with spots and spills; this will reduce the probability of a permanent stain.

Always remember:

1. Mop up as much of the spill as possible, using clean tissue paper and/or a white cloth or terry towel, and work from the outer edge towards the centre of the spill to prevent spreading.
 2. If the spill is semi-solid or has hardened, gently scrape it with a spatula to remove the excess.
 3. Do not rub or agitate too vigorously and take care not to let liquids lie within the grout area.
 4. Do not use detergents or spot cleaners unless absolutely essential. A damp cloth will be sufficient to remove most stains. If a stubborn stain persists, use a very dilute neutral detergent solution applied directly to the cloth to help remove it.
 5. The use of a non-scratch plastic scouring pad and mild neutral detergent can be used for stubborn stains that have been left for a period of time. Always do a test on an area before proceeding fully.
 6. To remove chewing gum, a Chewing Gum Remover product or similar can be used. Lightly spray onto the affected area allowing the product to freeze the gum. Then use a blunt object to gently scrape it off. Care should be taken not to damage the surface by using excess force or a sharp object.
- Any frozen particles should be removed as soon as possible either by gentle brushing or vacuum cleaning. Always do a test on an area before proceeding fully.

Periodic Maintenance

Two options are available.

The Versaflex™ System (Hard Surface) should be cleaned using a damp mop and warm water containing a very dilute mild neutral detergent solution. Do not use a wet mop or allow standing water on to this product.

For larger areas or areas with ingrained dirt, the use of a Bonnet Cleaning System is recommended. The area should be vacuumed or swept as detailed above. The area should then be sprayed lightly with neutral detergent/warm water mix. Using a bonnet cleaning machine, with a red hard floor scrubbing pad attached to the base, work over The Versaflex™ System methodically to loosen the soiling. An absorbent bonnet pad can then be used to remove the water and soil and dry the surface.

A minimal amount of detergent should be used. Detergents can build up on the surface of ceramic products, creating a sticky film that speeds up the re-soiling of the material. Sparing use of mild neutral detergents is advised.

Grout Maintenance

If the grout between the modules become discoloured or soiled at any time, the grout lines can simply be cleaned with a soft and non-abrasive cloth. Using a damp cloth (not wet) draw along the grout lines and remove any build-up of soiling. Mild detergent can be used but this is not generally recommended.

Damaged Modules

Damaged modules can be easily replaced by removing the complete damaged module (including grid) and replacing it with a new module.

Lifting and Replacing Modules

To lift and remove a hard module including the grid, use a suitable rubber suction device (raised access floor lifter or similar). It is best to apply a lifting force to each corner of the module in turn and gradually ease the joining pegs from the grout holes. Once the module has been released, it should be lifted carefully and the weight should be supported from underneath i.e. not relying solely on the suction lifter. To refit a new module, first wipe the grout/grout holes with some water/detergent solution on a cloth to ease any friction. Then align the grid pegs with the grout holes and gently lower into place. Take care to ensure the new module fits within the grout line without causing damage. Press down gradually and uniformly to ensure an even fit. The use of a spatula or decorator's filing knife, to ease the module into place alongside the grout, can be used if necessary.

To uplift and remove a carpet tile module, simply remove the carpet tiles from the specific area and lift the carpet tile grid module from its grout.

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