



Damp sweeping equipment

Flexible mop preferably fitted with single-use antistatic and/or pre-impregnated mop pads



Mechanical cleaning equipment

Auto scrubber, rotary cleaner or single-brush machine



Mechanical cleaning disc

3M (or equivalent) colour discs or melamine discs



Manual washing equipment

Microfibre mop or disposable mop pad


























Steam cleaning equipment

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations



3M red rectangular pad or equivalent, or melamine rectangular pad

Can be used with or without pad holder and telescopic handle

	Equipment used	Cleaning products	Cleaning methods
First use Mechanical cleaning	 +   or  if soiled	Alkaline detergent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Mechanical washing at 150-300 rpm (with water recovery)
	OR  +   Melamine disc if very soiled	Water (without detergent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Mechanical washing with melamine disc at 150-300 rpm (with water recovery)
Daily cleaning Manual cleaning	 	Neutral detergent / Disinfectant detergent (if necessary, alternating)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Manual washing with flat mop • Rinsing
OR Mechanical cleaning	 +   or  light green	Neutral detergent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Mechanical washing at 150-300 rpm (with water recovery)
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steam cleaning
Deep cleaning Manual cleaning		Alkaline detergent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Manual washing with red rectangular pad • Rinsing with clean water
	OR 	Water (or neutral detergent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Manual washing with rectangular melamine pad • Rinsing with clean water
OR Mechanical cleaning	 +   or  light green	Alkaline detergent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Mechanical washing at 150-300 rpm (with water recovery)
	 +   Melamine disc	Water (or neutral detergent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damp sweeping • Mechanical washing with melamine disc at 150-300 rpm (with water recovery)

In areas where disinfection is essential (e.g. operating theatres, hospital rooms, clean rooms, etc.), alternate between using Neutral detergent and amine-free disinfectant detergent.

To offer you the best results in terms of hygiene and appearance, Gerflor recommends using neutral and alkaline detergents with high wetting power (complete spreading and cleaning of the entire floor surface).

The use of film-forming products (polishing cleaning products, deodorizing cleaners, etc.) is not recommended in order not to alter the electrical characteristics of the flooring.

Never use melamine disks (3M Scotch Brite or equivalent) **dry, without water**. When cleaning is completed, remove the disk from the machine and leave to dry vertically.

TIPS ON MAINTAINING FLOORING EFFECTIVELY

- Cleaning frequency depends on the amount of soiling and humidity in a given area, the colour and pattern of the floor covering and the materials and techniques used. An effective cleaning policy should take account of these factors and specify the appropriate cleaning frequencies, equipment and techniques for the various spaces in the premises.
- Always comply with cleaning product manufacturers' instructions for use.
- Gerflor can provide expert advice on choosing the equipment and application methods that correspond to your needs. **If you would like to change your cleaning procedures, please contact us as soon as possible** and together we'll look at how to properly clean your flooring and avoid any warranty-related problems.
- **Mats positioned at the entrance to premises to restrict the introduction of dirt, grit and damp can help reduce short term clean frequency and thereby preserve the appearance of flooring in the long term.** For optimal entrance mat effectiveness, the standard recommendation is at least 7 metres in length and 3 different levels (coarse, medium and fine). By trapping at the entrance materials that could be dragged onto the flooring creating scratches and scuff marks where dirt can easily build up, you will help preserve the appearance of your flooring now and over time.
- **Use soft-coated swivel castors** to prevent grit damage to the floor surface that would spoil its appearance and make it harder to clean.
- **Protect furniture feet and legs** with caps or felt pads that will not scratch the flooring. On cantilever type chairs, any screwed-on protective components may present a risk if a screw becomes loose since screws or screw holes with sharp edges could scratch the flooring. **Do not use rubber protective caps** for chair legs: a chemical reaction with the floor covering could lead to permanent marks.

TIPS ON STAIN REMOVAL

Rust

Apply an anti-rust product or oxalic acid. Rinse thoroughly.

Food grease / paint / ballpoint pen / felt-tip pen / heavy grease (tar)

Apply a white-spirit type solvent to the stain. Rub with the undiluted product and rinse with plenty of water.

Rubber marks / shoe marks

Apply an alkaline detergent for shoe marks (such as Diversey Reveal). Leave to act for 5 minutes. Rub.

Chewing gum

There are two possible methods:

- Use KIEHL's Orange Pro product to soften the chewing gum and then remove it using a plastic spatula.
- Use a freeze spray to harden the chewing gum, and then remove it using a plastic spatula (freeze sprays are available from cleaning product manufacturers or in pharmacies).