# Floor Care Instructions for Forbo Sheet & Tile Linoleum with Topshield

## MARMOLEUM®, MARMOLEUM® decibel, ARTOLEUM® & Walton

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Linoleum is made from natural raw materials consisting of linseed oil, cork, wood flour, rosin binders, dry pigments, mixed and calendered onto a natural jute backing. It is produced in sheet goods 79 inches (2 meters) in width. Forbo also produces linoleum tiles of various sizes that are manufactured with a polyester backing for dimensional stability.

Forbo Marmoleum, Marmoleum decibel, Artoleum, and Walton linoleum flooring features Topshield finish. Topshield is an innovative new factory finish that eliminates the need for initial finish application and reduces the use of chemicals, while enabling lower cleaning costs and better long term appearance retention than any other resilient flooring. Topshield consists of a strong, durable primer and top layer that provides a highly effective shield against soiling. The cross-linked primer ensures smoothness and durability.

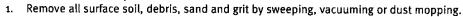
Forbo Marmoleum, Marmoleum decibel, Artoleum, and Walton with Topshield is OCCUPANCY READY following installation. When cleaning these products, do not strip the existing Topshield finish. If desired at a later time, the top layer can be costeffectively renovated to renew the visual appearance of the product.

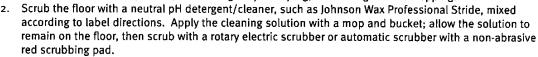
## NOTE: WAIT AT LEAST 5 DAYS AFTER INSTALLATION BEFORE CONDUCTING WET CLEANING PROCEDURES.



#### **INITIAL CLEANING**

## For new installations exposed to normal construction soil and traffic.





- Do NOT over-saturate the floor.
- If not using an autoscrubber, pick up the scrubbing solution with a wet vacuum (preferred) or a mop.
- Rinse the entire floor surface with clean, cool water and allow the floor to dry thoroughly before allowing traffic.
- Although no additional finish is required, one to three coats of additional finish may be applied if desired.
- If desired, spray buff with a spray buff solution, such as Taski Ultra Spray, then dry buff with a white pad followed by dustmopping.



NOTE: Because of the unique Topshield surface, additional floor finish is not necessary. The application of additional finish will however, increase the thickness of the wear surface, which may improve resistance to some stains, as well as provide additional gloss if desired. Consideration for applying additional finish, either alone or in combination with JohnsonDiversey LinoBase Sealer, should be given if: (1) Additional gloss is desired (2) Exposure to unknown chemicals is a concern (3) The floor will be subjected to frequent wet cleaning.



#### **DAILY CLEANING**

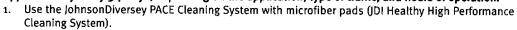
## 1-3 times per day, depending on the application, type of traffic, and hours of operation.

- Clean the entire flooring surface with a treated dust mop, such as Johnson Diversey Lamello 60 dust mop and Flor-Zip treated wipes.
- Stains or spills should be wiped or mopped up immediately with a damp mop using a neutral pH detergent, such as Johnson Wax Professional Stride. As necessary, allow the floor to dry thoroughly before allowing traffic.



### REGULAR CLEANING

### Approximately every 3-7 days, depending on the application, type of traffic, and hours of operation.



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- Clean the entire flooring surface with a treated dust mop, such as JohnsonDiversey Lamello 60 dust mop and Flor-Zip treated wipes.
- Damp-mop the floor with a neutral cleaner, such as Johnson Wax Professional Stride.
- Rinse-mop the floor with clean, cool water and allow the floor to dry thoroughly before allowing traffic.



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### **PERIODIC CLEANING**

As needed, depending on the application, type of traffic, and hours of operation.

- Clean the entire flooring surface with a treated dust mop, such as Johnson Diversey Lamello 60 dust mop and Flor-Zip treated wipes.
- Top scrub the floor with a neutral pH detergent/cleaner, such as Johnson Wax Professional Stride, mixed according to label directions. Apply the cleaning solution with a mop and bucket; allow the solution to remain on the floor, then scrub with a rotary electric scrubber or automatic scrubber with a non-abrasive red scrubbing pad.
- 3. Do NOT over-saturate the floor.
- 4. If not using an autoscrubber, pick up the scrubbing solution with a wet vacuum (preferred) or a mop.
- 5. Rinse the entire floor surface with a clean mop using clean, cool water & allow the floor to dry thoroughly.
- 6. Spray buff with a spray buff solution, such as Taski Ultra Spray, then dry buff with a white pad followed by dustmopping.

NOTE: Weather, traffic, and geographical location may influence the frequency of this procedure. For example, in areas where there are large amounts of snow and chemicals used in the winter months you may need to perform this procedure more frequently. In dry climates, or where there is less dirt traffic, this procedure may be performed less frequently.

### RENOVATION

As needed if the flooring has been damaged or when periodic cleaning procedures no longer produce the desired result.

- 1. Clean the entire flooring surface with a treated dust mop, such as JohnsonDiversey Lamello 60 dust mop and Flor-Zip treated wipes.
- 2. Heavy Scrub the floor using a stripper solution such as Johnson Wax Professional Lino Safe Stripper or Taski Linostrip mixed according to label directions. Apply the stripping solution with a mop and bucket and, following label directions, allow the solution to remain on the floor, then scrub with a rotary electric scrubber or automatic scrubber with a green or blue scrubbing pad. The use of brown or black stripping pads is not recommended.
- 3. Do NOT over-saturate the floor.
- 4. If not using an autoscrubber, pick up the scrubbing solution with a wet vacuum (preferred) or a mop.
- 5. Rinse the entire floor surface with a clean mop using clean, cool water & allow the floor to dry thoroughly.
- Apply 2-3 thin coats of Johnson Wax Professional Carefree Matte finish or, for a higher gloss, Johnson Wax Professional Carefree finish.

#### **CAUTION:**

The Topshield factory coating can be damaged by traditional wet stripping methods. If this occurs, the caustic nature of many strippers will cause a color change in linoleum, normally yellowing or browning, particularly on lighter colors. Also, as the stripping solution sits in contact with the linoleum, the linoleum absorbs the stripping solution, causing it to expand and become softer. In this softened state, further damage to linoleum can easily occur with the use of heavy duty stripping pads normally used for traditional wet stripping.

Forbo Marmoleum, Marmoleum decibel, Artoleum, and Walton floors should never be subjected to traditional, aggressive wet stripping. These floors should be cared for by a staff trained to understand the following:

- Forbo Marmoleum, Marmoleum decibel, Artoleum, and Walton, with Topshield, are OCCUPANCY READY
  following installation. Removal of the factory, or "mill", finish recommended by some manufacturers, is
  not necessary, or recommended, for these Forbo flooring products.
- A regular floor care program, as described above, should be followed closely. If there are any questions,
   Forbo representatives are available to conduct a floor care review prior to the initial cleaning.
- A well-trained staff using an effective program of regular care will virtually eliminate the need for stripping, and is the recommended approach to linoleum care.

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