



Use and maintenance of GAMRAT floor coverings

GAMRAT floor coverings require proper and regular care. Satisfactory results of use of the floor coverings can only be obtained by following a few basic rules concerning the use and care.

General principles for use:

- The floor should be cleaned regularly, which has better effects in terms of hygiene, esthetic and economical in comparison to intensive periodical cleaning
- Floor coverings should be protected against organic solvents
- Floor coverings should be protected against colouring substances – in the case of contact with such substances, they should be immediately removed from the surface to avoid discoloration.
- Floor coverings should be protected against coloured rubber objects, e.g. protection for chairs or other furniture - contact with such objects may lead to permanent discoloration.
- Heavy and/or sharp objects should not be pushed along the floor covering, e.g. furniture without protective padding
- To maintain floor covering, substances for PVC coverings produced by one manufacturer should be used and according to the instruction and in recommended concentration
- Use sport coverings only in sport shoes – in the case of use the floor for other purposes, cover the floor with the special protection to avoid damage

Maintenance of commercial floor coverings

Dirt protection

Basic protections against dirt are the doormats installed in the entrances. Well-designed system of doormats can absorb about 80% of dirt.

1. Initial cleaning

- After the installation, it is necessary to sweep or vacuum the surface in order to remove loose dirt
- Wash the surface with the mop or cleaning machine. Use the neutral detergent solution
- Remove the detergent solution with the clean water

2. Current cleaning

It should be done regularly at fixed intervals, depending on the intensity of traffic. It should be done with various methods:

- Dry cleaning – sweep, vacuum or wipe the floor covering
- Wet cleaning – wash the floor covering with the mop or cleaning machine, use the neutral detergent solution. To restore the areas exposed to high-traffic, use the solution of agent applied for current maintenance

3. Periodical maintenance

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- Remove the worn layer by applying cleaning agent solutions of pH 10÷11 for 10-15 minutes, clean no more than 20sqm at once so that the solution will not dry on the surface
- Remove the solution and wash the floor with the clean water
- Maintain by applying at least two layers of agent for floor covering preservation. Before the applying of each layer, wait until the previous one dries, after that, wait at least six hours before using the floor covering

Cleaning and preservation of floor coverings

Heterogenous floor coverings do not need preservation because their wear layer is made of PVC. However, it is advised to perform preservation because it will help to maintain the floor covering in a clean condition.

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