

## Sikafloor®

### Cleaning and Subsequent Maintenance

To ensure that your Sika flooring stays in the best of shape and gives you years of satisfaction the correct cleaning and maintenance schedule should be used.

When first installed and fully cured your floor should be cleaned with a proprietary floor cleaner using the most suitable equipment for the area concerned.

#### Initial Cleaning

You should first sweep the area to remove any loose debris.

Inspect the area to see if there are any areas that require individual treatment such as oil spillage or scuff marks from shoes or fork lift tires. Apply **TASKI PROFI** in a solution of warm water (lightly soiled areas 15-25 ml/L or 2-3 oz/gal. and heavily soiled areas; 40-80 ml/L or 5-10 oz/gal.) to these areas. Apply the diluted solution and allow it to sit for 5-10 minutes. Scrub or agitate as required using a mop, automatic scrubber or single disc floor machine. Pick up the cleaning solution with a mop and bucket or wet vacuum.

The total floor area should then be cleaned using a mild alkaline cleaner such as **TASKI R50**. Method and equipment for cleaning the area will depend upon size and manpower available. Dilute the cleaner in warm water and apply to the floor (lightly soiled areas 10-25 ml/L or 1.5-3 oz/gal., medium soiled areas 25-40 ml/L or 3-5 oz/gal. and heavily soiled areas; 40-80 ml/L or 5-10 oz/gal.) using a mop or automatic scrubber. Mop dry or use an automatic wet vacuum to remove solution and allow to dry.

#### Pre-use inspection

The floor should now be inspected to ensure that it has been cleaned to your required standard and that all soiling has been removed.

#### Precautions

If equipment, storage racking, goods, furniture, filing cabinets etc. are to be placed on the floor, then every effort should be taken to minimise surface scratching and marking. Dragging of heavy articles across the flooring may damage the surface. Fork-lift trucks should be driven with care to avoid marking caused by wheel spin or slide.

#### Looking after your floor

If the correct cleaning and maintenance schedule is used the appearance of your floor can be easily maintained.

Once the above action or the decision to leave the floor as supplied has been taken, then the floor will require regular cleaning with either a neutral or mildly alkaline floor cleaner depending upon the type and level of soiling encountered. Follow the prementioned procedure using **TASKI R50**.

**For a high gloss finish**, it is acceptable practice to apply a light polymer and wax film, which will keep the high gloss finish, give a hard wearing surface and have the ability to allow for the removal of surface scratches or blemishes. This can be accomplished with mopping or using an automatic scrubber to apply **TASKI WIWAX**, diluted (15-30 ml/L or 2-4 oz/gal.) with warm water. Buff if a higher shine is required.

**If a slip resistant coating** is required, **TASKI Vision Matte** can be applied to provide a low gloss "silky" protective film with slip and traffic resistance.

**In kitchen areas** or where there is a high build-up of grease, **TASKI DEGREASE** can be used (light - medium soiled areas 15-30 ml/L or 2-4 oz/gal. and heavily soiled areas; 30-50 ml/L or 4-6.5 oz/gal.) to degrease and neutralize the floor. Apply the solution to the floor (allow to sit for 2 to 10 minutes) and scrub or agitate as required to clean. Mop up or wet vacuum the solution to remove and rinse with clean water as necessary.

If you have decided to use a sacrificial surface polish on your floor then any visible wear can be overlaid with a fresh coat. However, if continual addition of coats are made, then it may be necessary to occasionally remove the polish and start-a-fresh. This can be achieved by using a cold water stripper such as **TASKI ICE-IT**. This will remove any existing polish without detriment to the flooring system.

Note: Always read and check cleaning products application instructions before use.  
Always follow Johnson Diversy's most current application instructions.

## Spillages

Spillages of any liquid should be wiped up or absorbed and removed as soon as possible. Not only is this a responsible action as far as Health and Safety is concerned, it will also help you to keep your floor in good condition. Once the spillage is removed the area should be cleaned as usual with your standard floor cleaner. If a sacrificial coat has been previously applied the floor should be inspected to see if this remains. If not, it should be reapplied as soon as possible.

## Remember

- Initial clean before use.
- Take care when installing equipment etc.
- Sacrificial polish if required.
- Regular cleaning with the right product.
- Clean up spillages.

With care your Sikafloor® will give you years of hard wear and still look good.

Information on **TASKI** products, and locations of local distributors are available from:

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