

# Period floor after-care

## Normal cleaning

For day to day cleaning just mop with boiling water, if you add detergents to the water this removes the protective sealer quicker and can often discolour the grout. We recommend using a product called Waxwash which does not remove the sealer but helps keep the floor protected, we keep it in stock and one litre bottle will last ages.

If you have any stubborn marks a clean White cloth with a dab of the sealer that was used initially to seal your floor when it was laid will remove most scuffs and dirt marks.

## More thorough cleaning

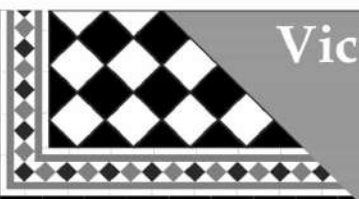
From time to time it may be that you need to tackle things a bit more thoroughly. Using a diluted mixture of Grimex (see instructions on the bottle) and hot water mop the floor vigorously to remove the dirt and grime, more difficult areas may require a clean with some neat Grimex on a cloth, for dirtier floors or ingrained dirt Scotch-brite pads are excellent, we keep them in stock in coarse and fine textures, these are "industrial" scourers that make light work of cleaning these floors when used in conjunction with the suggested chemical cleaners. Once cleaned well, and while the floor is still wet, using a fresh bucket of hot water mop over the floor again to remove the dirt and any Grimex residue. You will need a change of water several times to ensure you clean the floor well. Allow to dry. Now using the original sealer (either Colour intensifier or MattStone) wet a clean White cloth with sealer and wipe it over the entire floor – grout as well. Make sure the whole floor is covered, do not apply too much – any excess dab / wipe off the sealer with another clean White cloth. Allow to dry. Please wear gloves while using these chemicals and be careful not to splash curtains, fabric and wall paper.

After the sealer has dried you may find when mopping you see foot marks on the tiles, sometimes slight tread marks are visible once dried, these can only be seen when the light hits the floor at certain angles – these will disappear after a few days and several mops over with hot water as part of your normal cleaning regime. It's a good idea to seal last thing at night, this gives the floor a good length of time to dry without foot traffic.

## Deep cleaning / restorative cleaning

At some point you may want to give the floor an even deeper clean, maybe after a couple of years or after you may have had some building work done and your floor is particularly dirty. For this you will need Scotch-brite pads – coarse and fine a bottle of Grimex, Grout stain remover, sealer and some rubber gloves.

Using a coarse or fine Scotch-brite pad dipped in neat grout stain remover scrub the floor clean, once all the cement film, plaster dust and residues are removed mop the floor well with hot water. Now switch to Grimex again using a coarse or fine Scotch-brite pad, depending on the level of dirt to remove, scrub the floor again, using the Grimex neat or diluted depending how dirty the floor is. While still wet rinse the floor using a mop and hot water – again change the water frequently to remove all the dirt. For oil stains and other ingrained stains or marks we do stock other products designed for specific tasks – just ask us and we can provide



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