

### ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF DOMESTIC FLOORS

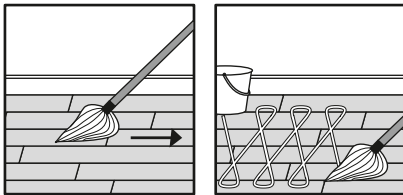
Regular maintenance and protection of the surface will help preserve the appearance and extend the life of your floor. The frequency of maintenance will depend on the amount and type of traffic, degree of soiling and the floor colour and type.

To help prevent soiling and damaging particles of grit being carried in on footwear we recommend the use of an external grit tray at door entrances and our own Amtico International FloorCare Entrance Matting for internal use. These mats can be purchased via any of our retailers and are available in a range of complimentary colours.

#### Daily Sweeping and Dust Mopping

- Thoroughly sweep the floor using a non-treated dust mop or soft brush and dust pan.
- Regularly clean entrance matting by shaking and beating, vacuuming or washing.

#### Manual Mopping



- Prepare solution of Amtico International FloorCare Maintainer diluted in accordance with instructions on the container.
- Apply the solution using a damp mop to remove soiling using overlapping strokes.
- Rinse the mop frequently and change the solution as necessary.
- Dirty water will leave an unsightly residue on the surface.
- Allow entire floor area to dry thoroughly.
- Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely.

Any scuff marks that are not removed during routine cleaning may be gently rubbed with a non-abrasive or nylon pad of the type used on non-stick cookware.

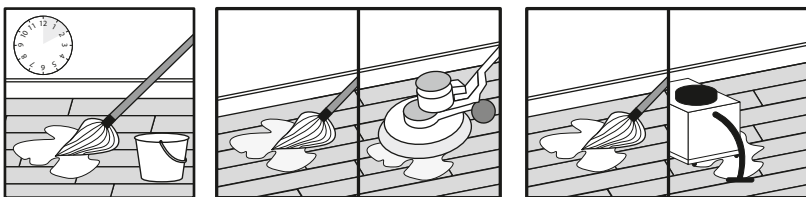
At least once a year, floors should be stripped thoroughly using Amtico International FloorCare Stripper to remove in-grained dirt and floor dressing if applied. Please refer to the section Periodic Maintenance of Domestic Amtico floors.

### PERIODIC MAINTENANCE OF DOMESTIC FLOORS

#### Stripping and Dressing your floor

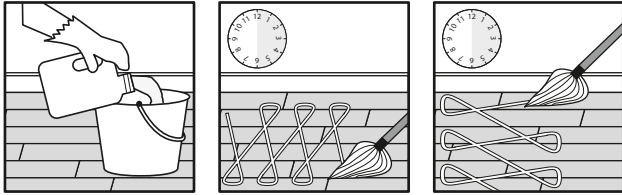
For heavily soiled, ingrained or previously dressed floors we would recommend stripping the floor thoroughly, at least once a year using Amtico International FloorCare Stripper as detailed below. Dressing can then be applied to refresh the surface and offer continued protection.

#### Stripping the Floor



- Prepare a solution of Amtico International FloorCare Stripper using warm water as per the instructions on the container. Carefully follow all safety instructions, particularly noting that the floor can become slippery during the stripping process.
- Apply plenty of solution over a manageable area.
- Allow 10 - 15 minutes contact time.
- Agitate solution with mop. Do not allow slurry to dry.
- Remove slurry with mop and bucket or with a wet vacuum. Rinse floor twice with clean water and allow to dry.

### Dressing the Floor (if required).



- Pour quantity of Amtico International FloorCare Dressing into bucket.
- Using clean mop or flat-type applicator, load with dressing and partially wring out. Starting at the furthest point from the exit, apply a thin even coat around the perimeter and then apply to the main floor with overlapping passes.
- Allow to dry (approx. 30 mins). To assist with the drying of dressing, keep the area well ventilated.
- Apply second coat at right angles to first coat and allow to dry (approx. 30 mins).

### Notes

- Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely.
- Do not use the same equipment for the application of Amtico International FloorCare Dressing as used for stripping.

### WEAR & CARE ADVICE

- Avoid using aerosol sprays and other silicone based products as overspray can leave a residue and make the floor slippery.
- Use fibre entrance matting at all external doorways. This will help reduce the chance of water, excess grit, dirt, small stones and other debris being walked onto the floor. Some rubber backed matting can cause permanent staining. Only use matting recommended by Amtico International.
- Spillages should be wiped up immediately. Residues of oils and greases are potential slip hazards. The affected area should be thoroughly cleaned with Amtico International FloorCare Maintainer, or our ready to use Amtico International Spillage Remover.
- Avoid contact with rubber, asphalt, some paints and shoe polishes, which can potentially stain your floor.
- Do not allow cigarettes, matches or other hot items to be deposited on the floor as permanent damage is likely to occur.
- An Amtico Design Tile floor is extremely hardwearing but even this tough surface can be scratched and marked by sharp grit or other objects. If surface scratching or deeper accidental damage has occurred, it is important to identify and address the cause of the problem. The appearance of surface scratches can be minimised by thoroughly cleaning the floor and applying Amtico International FloorCare Dressing. With accidental damage, while it can be improved, it may be preferable to replace the damaged tile.
- The use of furniture cups, felt pads or glides is essential to help reduce the risk of scratching your floor.
- Do not drag heavy items of furniture across the floor as this can result in scratch marks. Care should be taken with a brand new floor, when furniture and other appliances are being fitted or placed back into the space.
- Some vacuum cleaners may not be suitable for working with vinyl floors, so take care to ensure there are no sharp edges or parts where grit or other sharp particles can become embedded, as these may scratch a floor.
- Castors, furniture cups and other means of load spreading will help reduce the risk of indentation to the floor when used under heavy load bearing furniture and appliances.
- We do not advocate the use of other cleaning products, as they may not work as efficiently or effectively and may cause damage to the floor. They could also leave the surface with a slippery residue.
- Do not use Steam Mops as these may cause damage to the tile or cause adhesives to fail.