

QUESTMARK®

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MAINTAINING POLISHED CONCRETE

DIRT AND POLISHED FLOORS

Dirt on a polished floor acts as an abrasive, like sandpaper, and will dull the floors polished finish. Clean floors whenever they are dirty in order to maintain a shine on a polished floor.

· **Best way to remove dirt:**

- 1) Dust mop 2) Broom 3) Sweeper 4) Scrubber
- Removing dirt from polished floors improves the floors non-slip characteristics.
- Walk-off mats placed at entrances help control in-coming dirt.
- Traffic on a dirty floor diminishes the shine of the floors.

SWEEPERS & SCRUBBERS

- Sweepers and scrubbers must have soft bristle brushes.
- Down pressure on scrubbers should be at the lowest settings.
- Bristles should be kept clean and free of dirt. Dirty brushes and bristles act as an abrasive scrubbing pad and should daily be flushed clean with water.
- Stiff bristles, too much pressure, infrequent cleaning and the wrong cleaning solution will diminish the shine of polished floors.
- Scrubbers should be stored with brushes in the “up” position. If stored in the “down” position bristles will flatten. Nylon bristles will recover to their original position if soaked in hot water.
- Do not allow brushes to continue to rotate when scrubber is not moving - double “donut” shadows will be left on polished concrete.

FLOOR SQUEEGEES

- Squeegees should be rotated to avoid excessive wear.
- Squeegee edges should be rotated so a 90 degree edge is used to pick up cleaning solution. Rounded edges and damaged squeegees leave a “dirt trail”.
- Cleaning solutions that contain a “conditioner” will lubricate the squeegee and enhance cleaning ability.

CLEANING CHEMICALS

- Diluted pH neutral cleaner (pH 7) used alone with clean water will eventually dull a polished concrete floor.
- Scrubbers require a cleaning solution that suspends dirt which can then be removed with the scrubber’s vacuum. Water-only solutions do not suspend dirt, allowing dirt to remain on the floor and abrade the polish finish.
- Use of “conditioners”, such as QuestMark’s DiamondQuest Cleaner & Conditioner, will enhance the shine of a polished concrete floor.
- If the cleaning solution is too strong and not properly diluted, it will chemically etch a polished concrete floor.

FACTS ABOUT SHINE

- If the shine is no longer visible over 100% of the polished floor, chemicals have removed it.
- At edges where traffic is lighter, the shine will not diminish.
- Rain water is acidic (acid rain) and will etch a polished floor.