

Cleaning recommendation

Cleaning and maintenance for OBTEGO® impregnated surfaces: Screeds and Design floors (machine cleaning).

Abstract

OBTEGO® products are highly effective impregnations / sealers, which prevent widely the penetration of liquids and dirt into the surface. An additional treatment with waxes, stone soaps or other cleaners with care additives are not usually necessary, because these products have a film-forming effect and build up layers on the surface. Furthermore, there could be a risk that it comes to a surface like an orange peel, if a cleaning pad is incorrectly used. These polymer or wax layers pollute with time.

OBTEGO® surface protection products effects on cementitious floors, limestone, marble, sandstone, etc., not to a permanent protection against acids; therefore not use any cleaner with a low pH value on acid-sensitive surfaces.

Spilled liquids should be cleaned up soon. Acidly liquids (e.g. red wine, orange juice, etc.) or strong coloring substances (e.g. hair dyes) a immediate cleaning is recommended.

Cleaning

A cleaning with auto scrubber is suitable for large and free areas. For this purpose, depending on the floor appropriate pads (soft to middle hard, e.g. red cleaning pad) or suitable soft to middle hard brushes and low-foaming detergents like pH neutral floor cleaners, pH neutral disinfecting floor cleaners or mild alkaline cleaners* without film-forming additives (e.g. neutral cleaner OBTEGO® C-100) shall be used. Detergents should be not used in the first week after application of OBTEGO®. If soiling of the floor is not too much, basically a cleaning process just with water (without detergents) is sufficient.

Standard cleaning procedure with OBTEGO® C-100:

1. OBTEGO® C-100 (mixing ratio: 50-100ml / 10 liter clear water)
2. Recommended machines for daily cleaning are auto-scrubbers or ride-on machines with soft to middle hard cleaning pads for maintenance (e.g. standard red cleaning pad).



Auto-scrubber



Ride-on scrubber



High-speed burnisher

3. In case to achieve more gloss on heavy used areas it is always an option to use a high-speed burnisher with a suitable high-speed pad.

Maintenance

For heavy used areas and depending on application and floor, a refreshing by using a micro wax emulsion could be recommended (e.g. OBTEGO® C-200). However, this must be adapted by the cleaning staff locally on the cleaned floor. OBTEGO maintenance products also ensure a refreshing of the surface protection.

Standard maintenance procedure with OBTEGO® C-200:

1. OBTEGO® C-200 (mixing ratio: heavy worn out areas undiluted (**only manual wipe**); refreshing: 100ml / 2 liter clear water; standard maintenance: 50-100ml / 10 liter clear water)
2. Plunge mop into the maintenance liquid, use mop-press and wipe floor in movements like an eight. Alternatively it is possible to spray the maintenance liquid with a pump-sprayer on the floor and mop it.
3. Allow the maintenance film to dry completely. In case of undiluted cleaner it will be recommended to polish the floor with buffing machine and soft polishing pad.
4. Sufficient buffing machines can be single disc machines with 150-300 rpm or to achieve better gloss high-speed machines with around 1.500 rpm.

Basic cleaning / new application

A basic cleaning, is not necessary by a correct cleaning and maintenance. If the floor is damaged as a result of strong mechanical stress or irreversible stains, the surfaces usually have to be re-grounded and OBTEGO® surface protection products must be applied again. Slight etching stains are usually superficial and can be normally removed with diamond pads. Assumed that the impregnation is not badly damaged, it is sufficient to apply OBTEGO® C-200 (undiluted) to the treated area and buff it after OBTEGO® C-200 dried up. When using more aggressive diamond pads, a new application of OBTEGO® surface protection products is required.

Standard basic cleaning and new application of OBTEGO®:

1. Basic cleaning with alkaline cleaner OBTEGO® C-10 (mixing ratio 1:30) and suitable abrasive cleaning or diamond pad (recommendation: Grit size #400 or grit size #800). For basic cleaning use single disc machine and a wet vacuum cleaner or suitable auto-scrubber on the floor.
2. After basic cleaning wash floor again with plenty of clear water (neutralize).
3. Wait until surface is completely dry and apply OBTEGO® surface protection products again according to manufacturer guidelines.

Buffing / Polishing

On grinded or polished surfaces, like concrete floors, artificial stone, terrazzo, marble, limestone, etc. buffing/polishing pads can be used to maintain an always dense and glossy surface of the floor. Pads can be used daily or as required. In individual case, the usage must be coordinated locally with the floor properties. Recommendation for buffing/polishing pads: High-Speed/Burnish-pads with natural fibers or diamond pads grit size #1500 or grit size #3000.

First cleaning / final cleaning

A first cleaning after the application of OBTEGO[®] surface protection products is not necessary. For a cleaning after building completion, use depending on floor type, soft to middle hard cleaning pads (e.g. standard red cleaning pad) or soft to middle hard brushes with above mentioned cleaners. On glossy surfaces diamond pads are recommended.

* Don't use strong alkaline cleaner such as floor stripper, hard surface cleaner, etc. If absolutely necessary, use only a minimal addition of such detergents. If possible don't use alkaline cleaner.

This information should only be a non-binding advice. The uses of cleaning and care products are based on local conditions and on the surface itself. If there is no experience, and in cases of doubt, we recommend to try the cleaning concept before.