Daily Sweeping and Dust Mopping

- Pick up litter and thoroughly sweep floor area using a dry dust mop
- Pick up debris with a dustpan and brush
- Vacuum entrance mats and crevices at all entrances

Manual Mopping

Manual mopping is used for soil removal in small or congested areas (including within large floors) and some mark removal. Spray cleaning may be required for heavier surface marking.

- Put out caution signs to warn people that cleaning is in progress
- Prepare a solution of Amtico Maintainer diluted in accordance with the instructions on the label
- Using a two-bucket mopping system, apply solution using a damp mop to remove soiling
- Mop using overlapping strokes
- Rinse the mop frequently and change the solution as necessary
- Allow entire floor area to dry thoroughly
- Remove caution signs
- Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely

Tips

- In conditions of heavy soiling, perform a pre-wash by preparing a solution of Amtico Maintainer diluted in accordance with instructions on the container and pre-wash heavily soiled areas
- Where dirt has become ingrained over time we would recommend that the floor is deep cleaned
- To help remove stubborn scuff marks use a non abrasive 3M red pad or equivalent
- Any surface marking that is not removed by routine manual mopping may be removed by occasional spray cleaning
- Spills of water, grease, food, chemicals and other foreign matter or use of inappropriate cleaning products may cause the floor to become slippery. Wipe up spills immediately with an absorbent cloth, then wash thoroughly with a properly diluted solution of Amtico Maintainer or Spillage Remover until the spill area is completely clean. Rinse and allow to dry thoroughly
- At least once a year the floor should be scrubbed thoroughly to remove in-grained dirt and floor dressing if applied
- Do not dry buff or use harsh chemicals on your Cirro floor
Spray Cleaning
Spray cleaning can be used for light soil removal in small/medium size areas and removal of most scuff marks from all floor sizes.

In conditions of heavy soiling, perform a pre-wash by preparing a solution of Amtico Maintainer diluted in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and pre-wash heavily soiled areas.

• Put out caution signs to warn people that cleaning is in progress
• Pour a diluted solution of Amtico Maintainer solution in to a suitable spray container
• Apply a fine mist of liquid on to an area of approximately 2 square metres at a time. Use a rotary buffing machine (approx. 450 rpm) fitted with a red 3M nylon scrubbing pad (or equivalent). Do not buff with any pad more abrasive than a red 3M (or equivalent) pad
• Work in parallel overlapping passes until the floor is almost dry
• Allow entire floor area to dry thoroughly
• Remove caution signs
• Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely

Tips
• Do not dry buff or use high speed burnishing machines on Cirro floors
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• Spills of water, grease, food, chemicals and other foreign matter or use of inappropriate cleaning products may cause the floor to become slippery. Wipe up spills immediately with an absorbent cloth, then wash thoroughly with a properly diluted Amtico Maintainer or Spillage Remover until the spill area is completely clean. Rinse and allow to dry thoroughly
• At least once a year the floor should be scrubbed thoroughly to remove in-grained dirt and floor dressing if applied

Scrubber Drying – Large Areas
Scrubber drying can be used for soil removal in large installations and some mark removal.

• Put out caution signs to warn people that cleaning is in progress
• Prepare a solution of Amtico Maintainer and pour in to the dispensing tank. The scrubber dryer should be fitted with a red or blue 3M nylon scrubbing pad (or equivalent) or brush
• Scrub entire floor area
• Ensure vacuum pick up is operating efficiently
• Once entire floor area is dry remove caution signs
• Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely

Tips
• Spills of water, grease, food, chemicals and other foreign matter may cause the floor to become slippery. Wipe up spills immediately with an absorbent cloth, then wash thoroughly with a properly diluted solution of Amtico Maintainer until the spill area is completely clean. Rinse and allow to dry thoroughly
• Any surface marking that is not removed by scrubber drying, may be removed by occasional spray cleaning
• Soiling in congested areas should be removed using manual mopping
• At least once a year the floor should be scrubbed thoroughly to remove in-grained dirt and floor dressing if applied
Guide to Stripping and Deep Cleaning

- Before commencing work, put out caution signs to warn people that cleaning is in progress
- Sweep floor to remove debris and vacuum entrance mats
- Prepare a solution of Amtico Stripper using warm water as per instructions on the label
- 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 using a mop and bucket. Allow 10-15 minutes contact time
- Agitate the solution using either a low speed rotary machine with a green 3M (or equivalent pad) or with a mop. Edges will need to be agitated manually. Do not allow the slurry to dry
- Remove slurry with wet vacuum machine or mop and bucket. Rinse floor twice with clean water, allow to dry
- Remove caution signs
- Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely

Guide to Application of Dressing

If a protective finish is required or if you are seeking to restore the appearance of an older Amtico tile floor, an application of Amtico Dressing is an option.

Dressings can be applied following stripping of Amtico tile floors. Ensure floor is clean and completely dry prior to applying dressing. Do not use the same equipment for stripping as that used for application of Amtico Dressing.

- Pour a quantity of Amtico Dressing into bucket
- Load a clean flat applicator mop with dressing
- Starting at the furthest point from the exit apply a thin even coat around the perimeter and fill in with overlapping passes and allow to dry (for approx 30 minutes in good ventilation)
- Apply a second coat at right angles to the first. Allow to dry
- Do not buff for 24 hours
- All equipment should be cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely