

# Amtico Safety Flooring: Signature 36+ and Spacia 36+ Maintenance Guidelines

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## Part 1 - General Guidelines for Amtico Safety Flooring

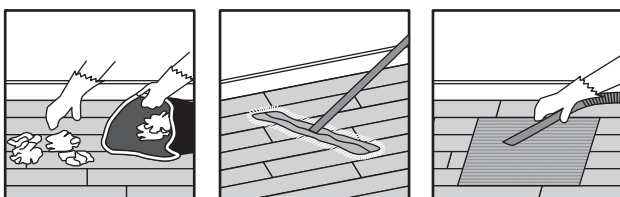
### Introduction

This document gives information for routine maintenance of Amtico Signature 36+ & Spacia 36+ floors.

All floors should be swept and dust mopped daily, following which soiling and marking can be removed using either manual mopping or scrubber dryer methods described below.

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### Daily sweeping and dust mopping

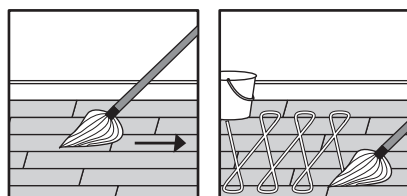


- Pick up litter and thoroughly sweep floor area using a dry dust mop
- Pick up debris with dustpan and brush
- Vacuum entrance mats and crevices at all entrances

### Manual Mopping

Manual mopping is used for soil removal in small or congested areas (including within large floors) and some mark removal.

(Note: In conditions of heavy soiling, perform a pre-wash by preparing a solution of Amtico Maintainer (or equivalent) diluted in accordance with the label and pre-wash heavily soiled areas).



- Put out signs to warn people that cleaning is in progress
- Prepare a solution of Amtico Maintainer (or equivalent) 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.
- To remove stubborn marks carefully rub with a non abrasive pad by hand or use a deck scrubber.
- Allow entire floor area to dry thoroughly.
- Remove "Caution" signs.

Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely.

### Scrubber Drying

Ideal for medium, large or open areas Scrubber dryers may be used for high productivity removal of soiling and some scuff mark removal. Scrubber dryers should be fitted with pads no more abrasive than a red 3M pad, and be of a speed no higher than 180rpm. Buffing machines should never be used.

- Follow daily sweeping and dust mopping instructions.
- Prepare solution of Amtico Maintainer (or equivalent) as per label and pour into the dispensing tank. The scrubber dryer should be fitted with a red 3M nylon scrubbing pad (or equivalent) or brush attachment.
- Scrub and dry entire floor area.
- Once entire floor area is dry remove "caution" signs.

Ensure all equipment is cleaned thoroughly after use and stored safely.

### Dealing with spills

- 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 using Amtico Spillage Remover (or equivalent) as directed on the label or properly diluted Amtico Maintainer (or equivalent) until the spill area is completely clean.
- Allow the floor to dry thoroughly.

### Periodic Maintenance/Builders Clean

At completion/handover and then periodically every six months to a year, the floor should be scrubbed thoroughly to remove ingrained soiling and possible contamination. Please refer to the Guide to Deep Cleaning an Amtico Safety Floor in page 2.

### Notes

- Amtico Safety Floors should never be spray or dry buffed at any time.
- For further information contact Amtico AfterCare Services on 024 76861 409 or [technical.support@amtico.com](mailto:technical.support@amtico.com).

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## Part 2 - Guide to Deep Cleaning an Amtico Safety Floor

### Notice

This sheet gives information for deep cleaning an Amtico Safety floor. We recommend this is carried out at handover of a new floor to remove construction contamination, and then periodically every six months to a year depending on location to remove ingrained soiling. Before commencing work, put out signs to warn people that cleaning is in progress.

### Preparing the Solution

Prepare a solution of Amtico Stripper (or equivalent) using warm water as per label. Carefully follow all safety instructions, particularly noting that the floor can become slippery during the deep cleaning process.

- Apply plenty of solution over a manageable area with a mop. Allow 10-15 minutes contact time.
- Agitate solution with mop. Do not allow slurry to dry. Using a deck scrubber or a Doodlebug fitted with a white or red pad can help remove ingrained dirt and debris from the tile surface and from bevelled edges.
- Either remove slurry with wet vacuum machine or mop and bucket. Rinse floor with clean water, allow to dry.
- Alternatively, the solution can be agitated with a scrubber dryer (180 rpm or less) with vacuum turned off. Do not allow solution to dry. Then after 10-15 minutes contact time vacuum off.
- Rinse with clean water.

### Notes

- If machinery is used for deep cleaning, only scrubber dryer machines of 180 rpm or less should be used.
- Amtico Safety floors should never be dressed.

## Maintenance Hints and Safety Information

### Safety and Prevention of Accidents

- Wet floors can be slippery. Ensure suitable entrance matting is used to limit the entry of water.
- Spillages of water, grease, food, chemicals and other foreign materials may also cause the floor to become slippery. Wipe up spills immediately with an absorbent cloth, then wash thoroughly using Amtico Spillage Remover as directed on the label or properly diluted Amtico Maintainer until the spill area is completely clean. Rinse and allow to dry thoroughly.
- Many furniture polishes, glass cleaners, insecticide sprays, and perfume sprays contain chemicals and silicones which when in contact with the floor may cause slipperiness. Even small amounts of overspray can create a hazard.
- When washing or deep cleaning floors, exclude traffic from all treated areas until completely dry.

### Maintenance and Protection

- Suitable entrance matting or walk off mats when properly serviced can effectively remove many abrasive and foreign materials from foot traffic and cut down on tracked-in water. This will reduce the maintenance requirement in entrance areas and extend the life of the floor.
- Avoid rubber or latex backed mats as these may leave stains.
- Protect against scratching from furniture feet by using wide freemoving castors, glides, rollers or felt pads. Use furniture cups under heavy items or appliances to prevent indentation.
- Do not use small or narrow castors or those with a crowned tread, as they can damage the floor.
- Do not allow cigarettes, matches or other very hot items to contact the floor.

### Selection of Maintenance Products

- Amtico supplies a comprehensive range of maintenance chemicals that are recommended for cleaning our floors. Products containing soap or unsuitable detergents such as washing up liquid may leave hard-to-remove film or residue on the surface. These can detract from the appearance and may be slippery.
- Do not use products at too high a concentration as this may leave a surface residue.
- Amtico maintenance products are carefully manufactured to produce the highest performance when used in accordance with the instructions on the containers.

### Notes

- Floor dressings should not be used on Amtico Safety floors under any circumstances, as their use could compromise the performance of the floor.
- The use of high speed buffing machines should be avoided when maintaining Amtico Safety floors, as their use will compromise the performance and appearance of the floor.