

## Harvey Maria Smooth Rubber flooring RP

The RP innovative surface treatment on the Harvey Maria Smooth Rubber collection provides reinforcement to the top surface, enhancing its durability and wear resistance. The solid polymeric coating PR, reticulated UV, ensures easier initial cleaning and routine maintenance, while removing the need for an initial coat of polish (except in specific instances, detailed in **Exceptions** below) that's often required for traditional rubber floors.

Dirt-barrier systems, such as matting and grids, should be positioned at all entrances to reduce the amount of dirt, grit and moisture in areas where the flooring is installed.

After laying the floor, cover with protective sheets to avoid unnecessary damage from heavy equipment, furniture, or any other work that's still to be completed after the floor has been installed.

Always fit protective soft feet to furniture, tables and chair legs to prevent scratching and permanent indentation marks. Protective feet should be of a suitable size to spread the load effectively.

Note that the softer surface of rubber floor coverings is inherently more prone to scratching than floors with a harder surface (e.g. ceramic, vinyl tiles, stone floors) so it's important to follow these guidelines carefully.

All floor care products should be used according to the manufacturer's advice. Always seek advice from the manufacturer if an any doubt.

### Initial cleaning after the installation

- Remove all loose debris, dust and any residual dirt with a soft brush or vacuum cleaner. Avoid scraping the surface of the floor when any grit or loose dirt is present as this may cause damage to the surface.
- Clean the floor covering with Dr Schutz R1000 using a mop or a combined wash/vacuum machine with the red pad in larger areas. If there is excessive dirt then clean with Dr Schutz Clean & Strip according to the manufacturer's instructions. Note: Use a soft cloth rather than the green pad provided in the kit when stripping the floor (the green pad should only be used sparingly on rubber floors when stains/ markings cannot be removed with a softer cloth as excessive pressure and/or use of the green pad may damage the top surface. Always test suitability first in a less visible/ hidden area before using elsewhere).
- Then, while the floor is still freshly clean and dry, apply Dr Schutz Floor Matt or Floor Shine dressing using a microfibre mop as per manufacturer's instructions, and allow to dry.

### Daily cleaning

- Remove dust and dirt by cleaning with a soft brush, micro-fibre mop or vacuum cleaner. If necessary use Dr Schutz R1000 diluted in water as recommended in the manufacturer's instructions.
- Remove dirt marks and stains with Dr Schutz R1000 (diluted as per manufacturer's instructions).

- After using the cleaner always rinse fully and wet vacuum several times to make sure the surface of the floor covering is completely neutralised<sup>1</sup> and dry.

## Routine maintenance

- Complete the daily cleaning by washing the floor with water and neutral detergent such as Dr Schutz R1000, using a mop or a wash/vacuum combined machine with red pad for larger areas. Always rinse fully and wet vacuum to make sure the surface of the floor covering is completely neutralised<sup>1</sup> and dry.
- When the standard cleaning process fails to remove the dirt and/or when the dressing needs refreshing, undertake a deeper clean with Dr Schutz Clean & Strip. Note: Use a soft cloth rather than the green pad provided in the kit when stripping the floor (the green pad should only be used sparingly on rubber floors when stains/ markings cannot be removed with a softer cloth as excessive pressure and/or use of the green pad may damage the top surface. Always test suitability first in a less visible/ hidden area before using elsewhere). For larger areas a low speed monobrush equipped with red pad can be used. Wet vacuum and rinse several times till the surface is completely neutralised<sup>1</sup> and dry.
- Then, while the floor is still freshly clean and dry, apply Dr Schutz Floor Matt or Floor Shine dressing using a microfibre mop as per manufacturer's instructions.
- Repeat the above every six months or as required to maintain the appearance and good condition of the floor.

## Exceptions

- In most instances the above maintenance programme will be sufficient to ensure the floor retains its appearance. However, areas exposed on a long term basis to heavy or concentrated traffic (e.g. entrance areas of buildings, lift entrance areas) should be protected with a polymer floor finish sealer to preserve the original appearance of the flooring.
- In such cases, after a first intensive cleaning with green pad, and once the floor is perfectly clean, dry and neutralised, a specialist polymer or polyurethane floor finish (e.g. **Dr Schutz PU Anti-Color permanent sealer**) can be applied. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions and/or seek professional advice and assistance when applying sealer to the floor. Once sealed, clean the floor according to the sealer manufacturer's recommendations.
- The application of a sealer can also be used to repair a damaged floor.
- The application of floor sealers is also necessary for roll products when joints are hot-sealed by a welding rod (to prevent the quick soiling of the welding rod area).

## General Considerations

- Avoid cleaning carrying out cleaning in direct sunlight. Soiled liquid that dries quickly before it can be wiped away can cause spots and stains on the flooring.
- Avoid using very abrasive pads (blue, green, brown, black). The blue/green pad can be used only to remove the polymer floor finish layers, if such a finish was applied, prior to the application of a permanent sealer to the floor.
- Never leave liquid substances, including water, on the surface of the floor covering to avoid stains and to reduce the risk of slipping.

- Chairs and/or furniture casters should be equipped with light colour, double soft rubber wheels (type W according to the EN 12529).
- Do not stick any sort of tape on the RP coating.
- Always use and dilute all cleaning products in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- After any cleaning operation the floor surface should be left completely neutralised<sup>1</sup> (rinse fully and wet vacuum several times if necessary) and dry. The neutralisation of the surface is mandatory every time cleaners are used. Failure to do so can cause damage and delamination of the RP treatment in the long term.
- Avoid using the following products on the floor: alkaline (pH>8), acids (Ph <7), any alcohol or ketone based products, solvents of all kinds and any other detergent not specifically tested on rubber flooring and approved as suitable.

## Notes

- These instructions are valid only for Harvey Maria Smooth Rubber flooring. For all other types please make reference to the specific Technical Documents.
- These instructions are not designed to cover all possible uses of the floor covering. The final cleaning and maintenance program should be designed according to the specific usage conditions and the expectations/requirements of the customer.
- Further information and advice is available from our floor care partner Dr Schutz:

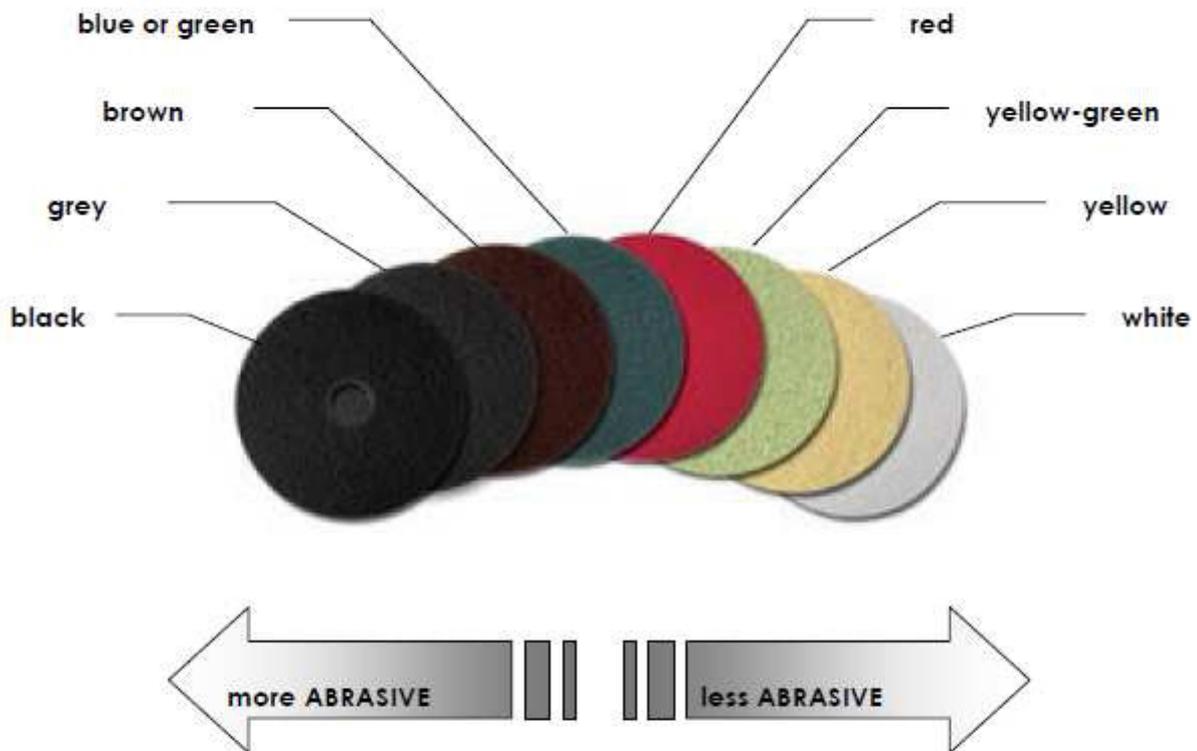
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## Floor machine pads – Use on resilient floors

Classification based on 3M codes



### Disk pad for high speed burnishing machines



"Cream" colour.

Intermediate abrasive performance (between yellow and white pads).  
Specific for use with HS (high speed) and UHS (ultra high speed) systems.

1 use litmus paper to test the pH of the floor to be pH=7