

## Harvey Maria Rubber Dimples

The post vulcanization GT surface treatment of Harvey Maria Dimples creates a less porous surface than in traditional rubber floors, increasing their resistance to soiling and making them easier to clean.

During the manufacturing process the floor is treated by UV rays, known as 'GT'. The treatment makes the surface more dense and compact: it acts to effectively repel dirt and makes the surface highly resistant to impurities. This generates big savings on cleaning and also helps protect the environment.

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.

### 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 FloorSpa Cleanse using a mop or a combined wash/vacuum machine with red pad in larger areas. In case of heavier soiling use FloorSpa Scrub as per manufacturer's instructions. In larger areas a low speed monobrush equipped with light abrasive pad (red pad in the 3M scale) can be used. Rinse fully and wet vacuum several times, until the surface is completely neutralised and dry.
- Then, while the floor is still freshly clean and dry, apply FloorSpa Protect dressing using a microfibre mop as per manufacturer's instructions, and allow to dry.

Whenever a high level of soiling is likely (e.g. high footfall) or if there's an ineffective cleaning program, the application of a polymeric floor finish sealer is recommended, in which cases the previous steps should be replaced by:

- Machine clean the floor with a low speed monobrush equipped with light abrasive pad (red or green pad in the 3M scale depending on dirt) and a suitable slightly alkaline cleaner. Rinse and wet vacuum several times till the surface is completely dry and free from any residue from the cleaner.
- With a perfectly clean, dry, and neutralised floor, apply a film of polymer or polyurethane floor finish sealer (e.g. Dr Schutz PU Aniti-Color permanent sealer). 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.

**Restoring a sealed floor.** When the sealer becomes damaged or is in need of repair:

- Scrub the floor covering with low speed monobrush equipped with abrasive pad (green disc in the 3M scale) and a suitable degreasing agent (stripper) diluted in hot water. Wet vacuum and rinse several times until the surface is completely dry and free from any residual of detergent. Make sure that the old polymer floor finish has been completely removed before proceeding with the next step.
- With perfectly clean and dry floor, re-apply a film of polymer floor finish sealer following the steps above.

## Daily Cleaning

Remove dust, dirt and stains from the floor.

- Clean with soft brush, micro-fibre mops or vacuum cleaner. If necessary, use FloorSpa Cleanse diluted in water.
- In larger spaces and in areas which require a higher level of cleanliness, machine cleaning (red pad) can be used as appropriate.
- Remove dirt marks and stains with FloorSpa Cleanse (diluted as per manufacturer's instructions).

After using cleaners always rinse and wet vacuum several times till the surface is completely dry

## Routine Maintenance

- Complete the daily cleaning washing the floor with water and neutral detergent such as FloorSpa Cleanse 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 FloorSpa Scrub and a low speed monobrush equipped with red or green pad. Wet vacuum and rinse several times until the surface is completely neutralised<sup>1</sup> and dry.
- Immediately after the above, apply FloorSpa Protect dressing using a microfibre mop as per manufacturer's instructions.
- Routine maintenance should be carried out every six months or as required to maintain the appearance and good condition of the floor.

## General Considerations

- Always use and dilute all cleaning products in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 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.
- Never leave liquid substances, including water, on the surface of the floor covering to avoid stains and to reduce the risk of slipping.

- Avoid the use of steam cleaners as excessive heat can affect the adhesive and/or damage the tile.
- Floors are suitable for use with underfloor heating but avoid damage from excessive heat and UV in rooms with exposure to strong sunlight (e.g. south facing conservatories) by using blinds/sun-shades.
- Avoid using very abrasive pads (blue, green, brown, black). The blue/green pad can be used only to remove the old layers of polish as described above.
- Never leave liquid substances, including water, on the surface of the floor covering to avoid staining and to reduce the risk of slipping.
- Chairs and/or furniture casters should be a light colour, double soft rubber wheels (type W according to the EN 12529).
- After using cleaners always rinse fully and wet vacuum several times to make sure the surface of the floor covering is completely neutralized and dry.
- 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.

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

## Notes

- These instructions are valid only for Harvey Maria Rubber Dimples. 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 shall be designed taking into consideration the specifics of the situation and the expectations and requirements of the customer.
- Further information and advice is available from our floor care partner Dr Schutz:

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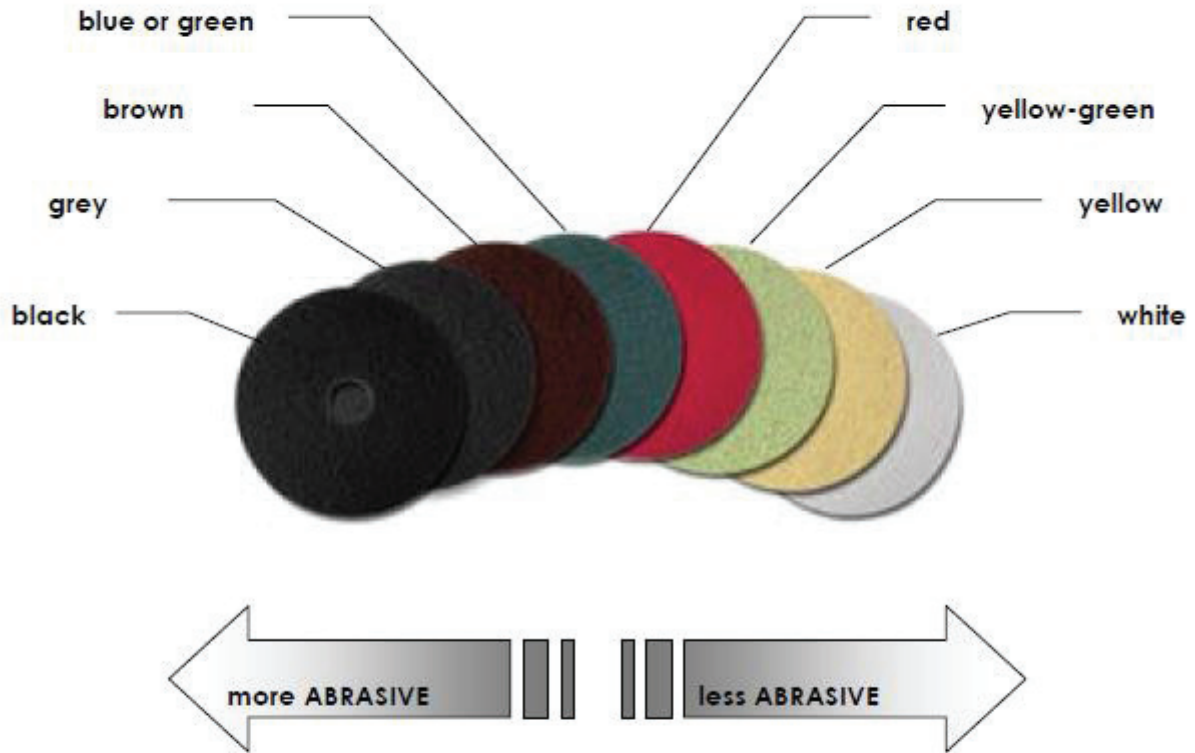
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## Floor machine pads – Use on resilient floors

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.