Everlast® Floor Cleaning Guidelines

Good housekeeping practices will prolong the service life of the floor.
Failure to follow these guidelines will result in the floor continually looking more and more soiled and discolored, as well as may result in deterioration of the floor.

Clean the floor last after cleaning the equipment and fixtures, because you want to be sure to also rinse away any disinfectant, caustic dishwasher detergents, and other cleaning chemicals from off the floor.

1.

   Sweep or vacuum any loose dirt or debris from the surface.

2. **Cover your floor with a dilution** of Everlast® Floor Care Cleaner Concentrate (or Safe Care SC 1000 Concentrate). Use at least a 5% dilution (6.4 ounces of the concentrate mixed with water makes a gallon of properly diluted cleaner). Wait for 10 minutes to let the cleaner break up the grease and grime.

3.

   Agitate the entire cove base with a deck brush.

4. **Agitate the floor** with a deck brush or a floor scrubber cleaning machine.

5.

   Extract or push the soil and excess cleaner into the drains.

6. **Rinse the floor with clean water** to remove any excess floor cleaner (or other cleaners) and extract or push it into the drains.

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A mop is nice to have around to quickly pick up an unplanned mess but...
Mopping is NOT the most hygienic method of cleaning: As soon as a mop touches a floor and is rinsed in the bucket the water becomes contaminated, and the now dirty water is used to clean the floor. Since the dirty mop is dipped in the dirty water repeatedly the mop is not actually clean and the contaminants on the mop and in the water are transferred back to the floor and pushed around.

Mopping is cross-contamination by ensuring that the soils, oils, corrosive chemicals, germs, bacteria, and viruses are spread throughout the facility.

ALWAYS RINSE after cleaning

Corrosive Facility Maintenance Chemicals such as Dishwasher Detergent, Bathroom Disinfectants, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Fryer and Hood Cleaners, Bleach, etc. will build up and remain on the floor if not cleaned off and rinsed off nightly. Mopping does not remove these chemicals; it only agitates them.

Do Not Steam Clean

Steam is made from boiling water: Epoxy floors can withstand temperatures up to 158° F, so be mindful of the temperature of the water used for cleaning - as well be careful to keep hot oil and grease off the floor.

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Recommended Cleaners

Best:

- Everlast® Floor Care Concentrate
- Safe Care SC-1000 Aqueous Cleaner Concentrate 1000

Manufactured by gemtek.com | Distributed by orisonmarketing.com

- Enviro-Green Cleaner Degreaser

Manufactured by ashburnchemical.com | Distributed by fastenal.com

Ecolab: (these are not as good as the "Best" listed above)

- Ecolab Oasis 133 or 115 XP
- Ecolab High Performance Ultra Concentrated Neutral Floor Cleaner

Also recommended:

- Simple Green
- Dawn Dish Soap

For deep-cleaning only, not for regular daily cleaning:

(MUST rinse thoroughly with clean water after use)

- N-14 Heavy Duty Degreaser and Cleaner by cleanenvironmentco.com
- EcoKlean Cleaner Degreaser

Manufactured by ashburnchemical.com | Distributed by fastenal.com

- Diluted Bleach (10% bleach 90% water)
- Enzymatic cleaners, High Alkaline cleaners, or cleaners containing Hydrogen Peroxide, Caustic Soda, Ammonia, Citrus, Chlorine, Butyl or Nitrates

Technical Note: Deep-cleaning chemicals may interact with residual chemical agents present on the floor surface. Such chemical incompatibilities can result in degradation, discoloration, or other damage to the Everlast flooring system and associated cove base/wall materials. Verify chemical compatibility and ensure all residual chemicals are thoroughly removed before applying any deep cleaning products.

Do NOT use: (because these cleaners do not get rinsed off)

- Ecolab Wash 'n Walk
- Ecolab No Rinse Alkaline Floor Cleaner
- Ecolab MAXX Dual Action Floor Cleaner

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Cleaning Method 1:
Automated Floor Scrubber / Extractor

Recommended Equipment:

Available at:

cleanfreak.com powr-flite.com tornadovac.com

MotorScrubber® Jet 3 Handheld Portable Scrubber

for hard-to-reach areas such as underneath equipment, also for use on walls

8" Baseboard & Stair Brush for use with the MotorScrubber

excellent for cleaning the cove base daily

available at:
cleanfreak.com
(and other retailers)

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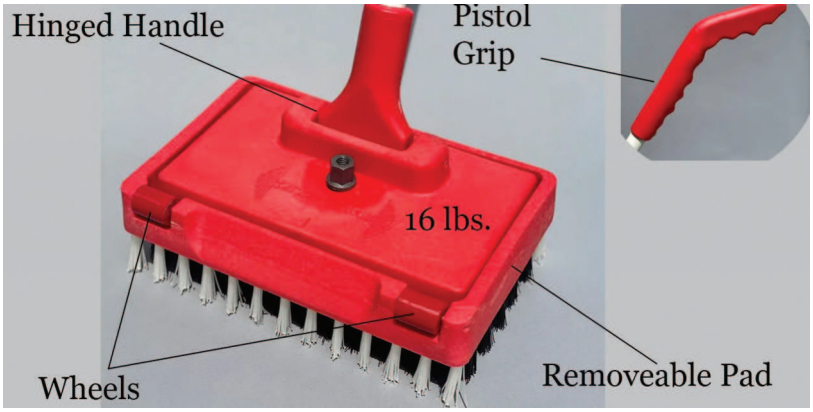
Cleaning Method 2

Deck Brush and Squeegee



TOUGH GUY Baseboard Brush available at grainger.com

Heavyweight Brush and Cove Brush available at theheavyweight.com (also available from Everlast Epoxy)

The Heavyweight Brush is a sixteen-pound weighted scrub brush.
The sixteen-pound head applies a constant force on the floor so you don't have to.

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Cleaning Method 3
Deck Brush and Wet/Dry Vac

Other Cleaning Methods
Pressure Washing*
Rotary Scrubber**

***Recommended:** Maximum 1800 PSI pressure washer with 45° fan tip.
Fine Tip attachments may etch the surface.
****Avoid:** Hard Bristle Brushes. Use a soft bristle brush, repetitive use of hard bristle brushes may damage your floor's finish, making it harder to maintain.

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