

Market: Means of Transport  
Object: Maintenance procedure

## Rubber flooring ARTIGO

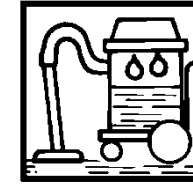
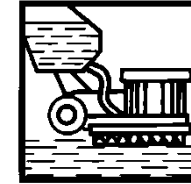
After the laying is completed, protective sheets are to be laid on the floor covering to avoid unnecessary damage by heavy equipment, scale or any other work that will be completed inside the car after the floor installation.

### General recommendation

- Use always specific detergents for rubber flooring. The pH value has to be not greater than 12.
- Follow the producer's instruction paying attention to the suggested concentration.
- If concentrated product is accidentally dropped on the surface, remove it to prevent damage.
- Avoid to use soap powder or scouring powder to clean, they damage the flooring.
- Do not use any sharp objects as cleaner tool.

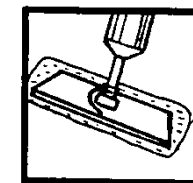
### First cleaning after the installation

- Remove all loose debris , dust and any residual with broom or vacuum.
- Wash the floor covering with an alkaline detergent using a low speed mono brush equipped with red disc in the 3M scale. Wet vacuum and rinse several times to remove any residual of detergent, leave to dry.



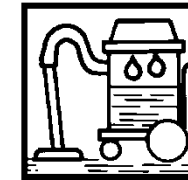
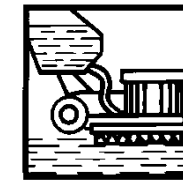
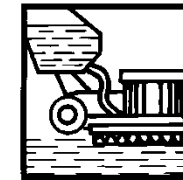
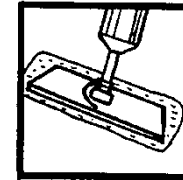
### Daily maintenance

- Remove dust, dirt and stains from the floor.
- Clean with broom and damp yarn, micro-fibre mops or vacuum. Combined machine with neutral detergents is suggested to save time.
- Remove dirt marks and stains with a neutral o lightly alkaline detergent (diluted as per manufacturer' instructions).



### Routine maintenance

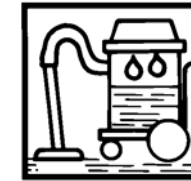
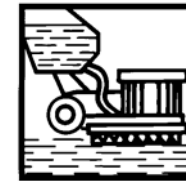
- Complete the daily cleaning washing the floor with water and neutral detergent.
- Clean the floor covering with a neutral detergent using a mop or a combined machine.
- Wet vacuum and rinse several times till the surface is completely neutralized and dry.
- As alternative, it is also possible to carry out a periodic dry cleaning using rotary machines equipped with appropriate discs. The speed of the machine and the type of detergent is to be selected depending on the level of dirt.
- If necessary, equip the rotary machine with a polishing disk.



## Periodic maintenance

When standard maintenance operations are not sufficient to remove dirt, it is recommended a deeper cleaning in order to restore the initial appearance of the flooring.

- Clean the flooring with a neutral detergent (or lightly alkaline depending on dirt) using a low speed mono-brush equipped with red disc.
- Wet vacuum and rinse several times till the surface is completely neutralized and dry.
- “wash and wax” product can also be used to enhances the aspect and durability of the flooring. This type of product is able to clean and maintain the floor in one step, leaving a thin layer of polish.



## Note

In most instances the above maintenance regime will be sufficient to ensure the floor covering to retain the best appearance. However to further protect the surface against premature wear or damages, the flooring can also be protected with a polymer floor finish sealer.

If so, use only professional sealers specifics for rubber flooring manufactured by leading companies; follow strictly the producer's instructions.

### Chemical resistance

We would like to point out that there are rare substances that are able to damage the rubber floor surface.

The following substances spilled on the floor, if immediately clear, it will not leave any stains. Only when these substances dries up leaving stains.

A timely and opportune cleaning can prevent the aforementioned inconveniences

<b>Acetic acid (conc.)</b>	<b>Citric acid</b>	<b>Kerosene</b>	<b>Sodium hydroxide</b>
<b>Acetic acid (dil.)</b>	<b>Coca-Cola</b>	<b>Lemon juice</b>	<b>Sugar (solution)</b>
<b>Acetone</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Methanol</b>	<b>Turpentine</b>
<b>Ammonia (dil. 30%)</b>	<b>Essence of turpentine</b>	<b>Milk</b>	<b>Urine</b>
<b>Antifreeze fluid</b>	<b>Ethanol</b>	<b>Oil (olive, seeds,...)</b>	<b>Vinegar</b>
<b>Beer</b>	<b>Ether</b>	<b>Potassium hydroxide</b>	<b>Water</b>
<b>Blood</b>	<b>Fruit juice</b>	<b>Salt</b>	<b>Wine</b>
<b>Boric acid</b>	<b>Gasoline (normal, super, green)</b>	<b>Soap</b>	
<b>Carbon tetrachloride</b>	<b>Glycerine</b>	<b>Sodium bicarbonate (solution)</b>	
<b>Chloroform</b>	<b>Hydrochloric acid (dil. 5%)</b>	<b>Sodium chloride (solution)</b>	

## Warning

- All products for cleaning and maintenance must be used in strictly accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- All kind of cleaning processes shall not be carried out under direct sunlight in order to avoid that dirty liquid dries before being removed, thus causing spots and stains on the flooring.
- Avoid to use very abrasive discs with the mono-brush (blue, green, brown, black). The blue/green disc can be used only to remove the old layers of polish if any.

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