

TARABUS

FLOORING FOR BUS & COACH INTERIORS



CLEANING GUIDE

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TARABUS floor coverings are specifically designed to meet the requirements of the coach and transit bus industry such as durability, slip resistance, ease of cleaning and resistance to aggressive agents.

As with all heavy duty floorings, they require an appropriate and regular maintenance.

The following specific cleaning procedure is essential to ensure the optimum life span of the floor covering.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE WITH A NEUTRAL DETERGENT AND A RED DISC

1. Equipment:



- Broom or industrial vacuum cleaner
- Damp mop or auto scrubber

2. Procedure:

- Remove dust and loose debris with industrial vacuum cleaner.
- Mop floor using clean water with 2 to 5% neutral detergent.
- Detergent's dilution should be done according to manufacturer's instructions.
- With a thoroughly rinsed mop, clean the floor using only clear water to remove any detergent residue.

3. Frequency:

- Daily or several times a week depending on the traffic.

INTENSIVE MAINTENANCE WITH AN ALKALINE DETERGENT AND A RED DISC

1. Equipment:



- Broom or industrial vacuum cleaner
- Damp mop or auto scrubber
- Medium stiff bristled brush or single-brush machine or rotocleaner such as "Rotowash"

2. Procedure:

- Remove dust and loose debris with industrial vacuum cleaner.
- In case of grease/oil spots on the flooring, scrub the floor using a medium stiff bristled hand brush, a rotocleaner or a single-brush machine (450tr/min with a red disc) with alkaline detergent if required.
- Detergent's dilution should be done according to manufacturer's instructions
- Rinse with large amounts of clear water to remove any detergent residue.
- Dry with a mop or a liquid vacuum cleaner.

3. Frequency:

- A minimum of once a month or more frequently depending on traffic.

DO NOT !

1. Use an electric scrubber with abrasive discs.
2. Use solvents.
3. Use industrial stain removers without first testing them on a small hidden area.
4. Leave detergent residue on the floor.
5. Apply a surface treatment. Wax or surface treatments are not suitable for bus floor coverings as their application will be detrimental to anti-slip properties.
6. Use a high pressure water jet.
7. Use rubber end-pieces.
8. Place a rubber backed carpet on the flooring.
9. Place spare rubber tires directly on the floor covering.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **TARABUS** products are resistant to diluted acids and bases, with the obvious exception of PVC solvents.
2. To remove stains, only use alcohol, "C oil" or White Spirit.
3. Thoroughly rinse the floor with clear water. Cleaning agent residue might affect the slip resistance properties of the floor.

SPECIFIC POINTS

1. **Chewing gum** can only be mechanically scraped off after chilling with a compressed nitrogen spray or specific orange oil gum remover.
2. Glue can generally be removed with Mineral Spirit. Rinse immediately after with a diluted detergent.
3. Oil/grease spots, as well as food stains such as ketchup or fizzy drinks can be removed with an alkaline detergent.

CLEANING PRODUCTS

| MANUFACTURERS | WERNER & MERTZ | Johnson Diversey | Ecolab |
|---------------|--|--|--|
| WEBSITE | www.wmprof.com | www.johnsondiversey.com | www.ecolab.com |

| MAINTENANCE | | pH |
|--------------------------|--|---------|
| STRIPPING | Stripper | ≥ 12 |
| | Stripper (dry) | > 10 |
| CLEANING | Spray Cleaner | 8 |
| TYPE OF CLEANING PRODUCT | Neutral Cleaning Agent | 8.5 - 9 |
| | Alkaline Cleaning Agent | ≥ 9 |
| | Cleaning Agent (removing rubber marks) | ≥ 12 |
| | Desinfectant/Detergent | 10 |
| | Cleaning Agent (heavy traffic) | 4.5 |

TARABUS is the easiest resilient floor to clean on the market !



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