



TILE DOCTOR GUIDE TO: CLEANING AND MAINTAINING A FLOOR

WHY CLEAN A FLOOR BEFORE SEALING:

- So that stains and dirt are not sealed into the tile and trapped below the sealer.
- To prevent the sealed surface from appearing dirty.
- To enable the sealer to penetrate into and grip onto the floor.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE STARTING:

- What type of floor is to be cleaned.
- What type of marks or stains needs to be removed.
- The type of cleaner required.

FLOOR TYPES AND CLEANING REQUIREMENTS:

Ceramic Tiles – Glazed and Unpolished Porcelain

Deep Cleaning	Tile Doctor Super Power Clean
Grout & Cement Removal	Tile Doctor Lift Off
Daily Cleaning	Tile Doctor Tile Tonic
Algae and Fungus Remover	Tile Doctor Mould Stop
Paint Spot Removal	Tile Doctor Ultra Strip

Marble and Polished Porcelain

Daily Cleaning	Tile Doctor Tile Tonic
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Note: No acid based products to be used. e.g. Tile Doctor Lift Off

Terrazzo

Deep Cleaning	Tile Doctor Super Power Clean
Daily Cleaning	Tile Doctor Tile Tonic

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Cement Tiles

Deep Cleaning	Tile Doctor Super Power Clean
Daily Cleaning	Tile Doctor Tile Tonic

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Clay Bricks

Deep Cleaning	Tile Doctor Super Power Clean or Lift Off
Cement Removal	Tile Doctor Lift Off
Oil Removal	Tile Doctor Lift Off
Mould & Black Stain Removal	Tile Doctor Mould Stop

Cement Bricks

Deep Cleaning	Tile Doctor Super Power Clean or Lift Off
Oil Removal	Tile Doctor Lift Off

Terracotta, Slate, Quartzite, Sandstone or Quarry Tiles

Deep Cleaning	Tile Doctor Super Power Clean
Grout & Cement Removal	Tile Doctor Lift Off

Daily Cleaning
Severe Oil Removal

Tile Doctor Tile Tonic
Tile Doctor Ultra Strip

Vinyl

Wax Removal
Deep Cleaning

Tile Doctor Super Power Clean
Tile Doctor Lift Off

Note: No solvent based product to be used, e.g. Tile Doctor Ultra Strip

RECOMMENDED TILE DOCTOR PRODUCTS:

Certain tiles are sensitive to certain chemicals and therefore we urge you to exercise caution. We recommended that the individual Technical Data Sheet for each of the products listed below are referred as a guideline. It is necessary to do a sample test prior to commencing the cleaning process.

TILE DOCTOR PRODUCTS AND THEIR USES:

Tile Doctor Lift Off

A concentrated, acid stripper for the removal of cement slurry, grout, mortar and efflorescence from porous and non-porous surfaces. Uniquely effective stripper of oil contaminated brick driveways and cement floors. It may also be used to clean and prepare cement floors prior to coating, sealing or colour staining.

Tile Doctor Super Power Clean

A highly concentrated, heavy duty cleaner and degreaser. It is non-ammoniated and water soluble. It can be used as a neutralising agent for surfaces that have been cleaned with acid, heavy duty strippers or degreasers.

Tile Doctor Ultra Strip

A concentrated solvent based stripper which removes paint, varnish and very tough sealers, as well as linseed oil. Ultra Strip is of low viscosity allowing it to be spread across a larger area of the floor; as a result of rapid penetration into the sealer. Ultra Strip can be used to: remove paint and bitumen, sealers, linseed oil products and epoxies from hard flooring materials. Ultra Strip is **not suitable** for use on vinyl, marble and linoleum or other plastic flooring materials.

Tile Doctor Tile Tonic

A non-ammoniated, biodegradable cleaner for daily use. The product evaporates totally, to keep surfaces sparkling clean and streak-free without having to rinse.

CHECKLIST FOR CLEANING AND MAINTAINING A FLOOR:

- Suitable Tile Doctor product
- Lint free cloth or mop
- Warm water
- Buffing pad

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR CLEANING AND MAINTAINING A FLOOR:

- Read the instructions on the Tile Doctor labels carefully before commencing.
- Many Tile Doctor Products can be diluted, thus saving money. Do a test to check optimum dilution.
- Always spot clean prior to cleaning the entire floor.
- On porous surfaces always thoroughly wet the surface with clean water first to reduce the absorption of the tile, thus allowing the chemical mix to remain on the surface for optimum results. This is particularly important when using Tile Doctor Lift Off. After using Tile Doctor Lift Off, rinse the floor once and allow to dry for 30 minutes. Then apply Tile Doctor Super Power Clean to penetrate and neutralize the surface effectively. This is necessary because sealing will not be effective if the surface is acidic.
- This will make the chemical cleaner less effective.
- Do not allow the cleaner to dry out on the floor.

- After the cleaner has loosened the dirt, begin scrubbing, either by hand or by machine.
- When the floor has been cleaned, the resultant mixture must be squeegeed away and the floor should be rinsed until there is no residue or foam.
- Once spot cleaning is completed, always allow the floor to dry and then examine the floor carefully to see whether it has been thoroughly cleaned.
- For the occasional deep clean, apply Tile Doctor Super Power Clean to the floor with mop, spread evenly keeping the floor wet. Agitate with a soft-bristled brush working along grout lines. Rinse until floor is clean and all foam is removed. Squeegee residue and dirt away.

STORAGE:

- Keep product out of the reach of children, pets and uninformed persons.
- Store in a cool, dry place 8°C-25°C away from heat, flames and sparks.
- Keep container closed when not in use, to prevent drying out. Check the product for any leakages.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

- In case of accidental contact with eyes or skin, wash the affected area with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
- This product is harmful if swallowed. Do not induce vomiting; call your local poison centre or doctor.

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