

2TEC2 MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Introduction

2tec2 is made of PVC and fiberglass and is therefore perfectly cleanable with water and detergent. Most stains are easily and quickly removable, in contrast with other types of textile floorcoverings. A good maintenance guarantees, not only an increased life expectancy, a perfect hygiene and a better aesthetic but also a far better appearance retention in time.

2. Preventive maintenance

We recommend the use of walk off mats both outside and inside at door entry areas.

Three zones should be taken into consideration:

1. Outdoor matting to collect wet dirt and moisture
2. Brush zones to clean footwear
3. Washable dust mats inside

3. Cleaning

2tec2 is a non-permeable flooring with a woven three dimensional structure. This means 2tec2 can be cleaned with any amount of water, as long as that water is extracted afterwards. In tile installations a waterproof subfloor is recommended as water may reach the raised access floor or subfloor. Appropriate cleaning machines, as described in 3.3.2.b help to avoid this issue.

3.1. SPOT CLEANING

Always remove stains immediately! Use a spoon to remove as much of the stain and avoid spreading the stain out. Moisten the spot by spraying detergent mixed with water. Dissolve the stain with a brush and be sure to reach the deeper levels of the flooring. Rinse with warm water. Extract the dirty water with a wet/ dry vacuum cleaner or similar equipment (*Picture 1*) or by dabbing with a cotton cloth. Repeat if necessary!

Specific stains:

1. **Paint:** avoid paint stains by using floor protection. Remove water-based paint stains immediately. Oil based and/or dried paint stains are not removable. Use protection foil to avoid them.
2. **Chewing gum:** can be removed with a steam pressure machine or similar equipment (See picture 2)
3. **Urine:** disinfect urine stains with bleach. This will not harm the 2tec2.
4. **Oil stains:** Take special care for oil and oil-based products, because they will penetrate quickly into the core of the carpet. They should be removed within 24 hours, if not, stains become permanent.
5. Never use solvents (e.g. acetone or polish) as this may damage the floor permanently.
6. For other questions regarding stains, contact Le Tissage d'Arcade.



01. Wet/dry vacuum cleaner type NT 27/1 Advanced, Kärcher



02. Steam pressure machine type DE 4002, Kärcher

3.2. DAILY MAINTENANCE

2tec2 needs to be cleaned on a regular basis, depending on the soiling and traffic frequency.

This can be done with:

1. A vacuum cleaner, ideally with vertical rotating brushes or similar equipment (See picture 3)
2. For residential use only, mopping with a humid (not wet) cloth. Attention, if any amount of dirty water remains in the structure of the flooring, is not extracted and dries out, this may cause stains and orioles. We therefore advise against this option for commercial use.



03. Vacuum cleaner with vertical rotating brushes
Type CV 38/1, Kärcher



04. Small to midsize projects:
Water injection extraction machine
Type Puzzi 200, Kärcher

3.3. PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

Vacuum cleaning only is not sufficient on the long term. A professional water injection extraction machine (See picture 4 & 5) should be used periodically for a deep cleaning, depending on the traffic.

Follow the following steps:

1. Spray the surface with diluted detergent and let it penetrate for 5 minutes.
2. a) For rolls, rinse the floor with clean water and extract by means of a wet dry vacuum cleaner (See picture 4) or similar equipment for low traffic areas. For commercial traffic areas use a professional injection extraction machine (See picture 5) or similar equipment.
b) For tiles, use a DUPLEX cleaning machine (See picture 6) or a similar equipment. The Duplex machine applies only a small amount of water with twin contra-rotating brushes and extracts the dissolved dirt in the same process. A duplex clean surface will need an indebt cleaning with an injection extraction machine.
3. Leave the floor to dry for ½ an hour.



05. Large projects:
Water injection extraction machine
BRC 50/70 W Bp



06. Duplex cleaning machine, Duplex 420

4. Tips

- Sharp objects can damage 2tec2 beyond repair. Avoid this by using appropriate protection and pads.
- Always protect the floor when moving furniture. Lift up the furniture or use Teflon pads.
- Do not use abrasive tools to clean or remove the stains.
- Before hand-over, do not clean the floor before the glue used during the installation is not completely dry.
- If castor chairs are used, it is recommend to provide chair pads, especially at work stations or in offices. Use hard castors in polyamide.
- Long term contact with rubber materials (e.g. rubber wheels, rubber backed mats, car tires) will leave permanent stains on the 2tec2. Use pads to avoid direct contact with the flooring.
- Removed sand and dirt have an abrasive effect on the 2tec2. This will result in the longer term in loss of appearance.

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