



MAINTENANCE GUIDE #Z123

CORK RUBBER FLOORING

Section I. General

Proper maintenance of your Zandur flooring product will not only greatly enhance the beauty and performance of the product but will also ensure years of service. Please read the following instructions carefully. Should any questions arise, contact your local distributor or Zandur.

Recommended cleaners and finishes are available from Zandur. Contact your local sales group or Zandur for further information.

Section II. Post Installation Maintenance

1. Do not mop, sand, screen, buff or expose floor to any liquids until the floor has cured for a minimum of 72 hours after installation. Floor may be swept or vacuumed during this time.
2. Remove protective materials from flooring and sweep or vacuum any debris from the floor. Be aware that debris such as concrete or other abrasive materials can scratch the floor if caught under vacuum.
3. If dried adhesive is found on the floor, use a damp rag and rub the adhesive off the floor. DO NOT use any solvent on the floor.
4. Using a well wrung out damp mop with warm water only, remove all remaining dust, dirt and debris from the floor. Continually change water to ensure it is clean. This process may need to be performed a few times in order to remove all foreign material.
5. Using Johnson Diversey Profi cleaner diluted 1:12 with water, damp mop floor with a well wrung out cotton blend mop according to manufacturers instructions.
6. Use a low RPM buffer/auto-scrubber with a soft green or blue pad to scrub floor. DO NOT flood the floor with water, but apply enough water to ensure the buffer is not working on a dry floor.
7. Using a wet-vac, remove excess water. Repeat this process until floor/water is clean.
8. Once floor is clean, mop the floor with warm water only, buff with white pad and remove excess water.
9. Upon completion of the above processes, choose one of the following. Option A is recommended.
 - A. Apply floor finish to enhance its gloss and provide further protection against staining, damage or other possible affects of use. Follow instructions on document #Z141
 - B. Leave floor unfinished and follow normal maintenance procedure in section III.

Section III. Routine Maintenance

1. Every installation is subject to different conditions including type of use and traffic level. Therefore, Zandur recommends establishing a regular maintenance program based specifically on your facility needs. This maintenance program must include the processes and procedures as specified in this document. Proper routine maintenance will ensure that the floor is clean of dirt or grit which can cause premature wear or damage. When floors have been finished, maintenance must include procedures to identify when it is time to re-finish the floor. Regular maintenance must include the following:
 - A. Sweep or vacuum floors to remove surface dust and debris. Zandur recommends a cotton dust mop.
 - B. Damp mop floor with a well wrung out damp mop and a mild detergent such as Johnson Diversey Profi or Johnson Diversey Stride Neutral Cleaner.
 - C. Repeat process until all dirt is removed. Then mop with warm clean water to remove any detergent residue.

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- D. To restore luster and remove scuffs or scratches, the floor may be scrubbed and buffed. This process is typically performed 4 times per year or less depending upon routine maintenance and use.
 - i. Damp mop with mild detergent and scrub with red or blue pad on buffing machine. Ensure that floor is not flooded with water, however there must be enough water to ensure that buffer is not on a dry floor. Use a wet-vac to remove excess water then rinse with warm water. Prior to buffing or scrubbing entire floor, test process in out of the way area to ensure that the proper process is being used and that tile surface is not being damaged.
 - ii. Floors with a **round stud, square stud or hammered profile** must be scrubbed using a soft bristle nylon scrubbing brush to ensure dirt and grit is cleaned from the surface texture. Prior to buffing or scrubbing entire floor, test process in out of the way area to ensure that the proper process is being used and that tile surface is not being damaged.
- E. Floor may be dry buffed with a white buffing pad. Ensure that the dry buffing process is **ONLY** performed on a floor that has just been cleaned and is free of dirt or grit of any kind. Scratching of the floor can result if buffing is done on a dirty floor.

Section IV. Infrequent Maintenance

- 1. On floors that have been coated with a mop on acrylic finish such as Johnson Diversey Carefree Matte
 - A. Stripping and Recoating.
 - i. Frequency – Once per year or less
 - ii. Contact Zandur for Instructions.
 - B. Reapplication of finish.
 - i. Four times per year or less. Apply between cycles of stripping or after stripping.
 - ii. Refer to document #Z127 Cork Rubber Finish Application for complete instructions.
 - C. On floors that have not been coated with floor finish
 - i. Infrequent maintenance is not required. Should you desire to apply a floor finish at any time, four coats should be applied following Zandur instructions on document #Z127.

Section V. Additional Information

- 1. Scuffs may be removed from floor using a clean soft cloth and a neutral spray cleaner.
- 2. Furniture foot pads should be used under heavy fixtures to avoid permanent indentations. Do Not Use chairs or tables with pointed legs. Ensure furniture/chair glides are in good condition and are sufficient in size to displace weight. If you have any questions as to the appropriate size to use, contact Zandur.
- 3. Use of entry mats is suggested to prevent excess moisture and grit from coming in contact with floor. Do Not leave water saturated mats on floor or water damage may occur. Ensure entry mats are of sufficient quality so as not to stain or discolor the floor.
- 4. Limit floor exposure to extreme light by using window treatments. Cork floors will fade substantially when repeatedly exposed to direct sunlight.
- 5. Should damage occur to the floor, tiles may be replaced. Contact Zandur for instructions.
- 6. Mats should be used under casters chairs to prevent premature wear and abuse of floor.

Section IV. References

- 1. Documents are available at zandur.com or by contacting Zandur at 888.397.2656
 - A. Finish application for Cork Rubber Flooring #Z127
 - B. Cork Rubber Flooring Warranty #Z108
 - C. MSDS Johnson Diversey Carefree Matte #Z126
 - D. Johnson Diversey Carefree Matte Technical Data #Z125
 - E. MSDS Johnson Diversey Profi Cleaner #Z129
 - F. Johnson Diversey Profi Technical Data #Z128