

Karndean floors are very hardwearing, but as with any flooring, they need to be looked after. There are many ways to protect your Karndean floor and prevent any damage. We recommend following our Cleaning & Maintenance instructions and reading our Maintenance Advice for helpful hints and tips on how to look after your floor.

Make sure you use 'Wet Floor' signs to indicate the area being cleaned throughout the cleaning process.



# Maintaining your floor [7]



The floor should be cleaned regularly, though the frequency will depend upon the level of traffic across the floor and the amount of dust and dirt transferred from the surrounding environment.



1. Remove loose dust and dirt from the floor using a soft brush or dust mop.



2. Dilute **Karndean Clean** in accordance with the label instructions.



3. Liberally apply the cleaning solution over the entire floor using a clean mop, then soak up the cleaning solution using a damp (not wet) mop and leave to dry.



4. Thoroughly clean the mop with cold running water.



**Karndean Clean** can be used with automatic cleaning appliances (e.g. scrubbing machines), especially for larger areas or for the removal of stubborn dirt.

# Refreshing your floor (2)



Over time, heavy traffic will wear at the surface of your Karndean floor. To restore your floor, we recommend the use of **Karndean Remove** and **Karndean Commercial Refresh**.

### Before applying Karndean Remove



- 1. Remove all free standing objects from the floor
- 2. Vacuum or clean any entrance matting or rugs and set aside
- 3. Remove loose dust and dirt from the floor using a soft brush or dust mop.

# Applying **Karndean Remove** using a Rotary Scrubber



- . Mix **Karndean Remove** in accordance with the label instructions and pour into rotary scrubber machine.
- 2. Scrub the floor using the rotary scrubber fitted with a red scrubbing pad. For the edges of the floor and hard to reach areas, use a white scrubbing pad fitted to the end of an applicator.

# Applying **Karndean Remove** using a Mop and Scrubbing Pad



- 1. Mix **Karndean Remove** in accordance with the label instructions.
- 2. Apply cleaning solution to the floor using a mop, working in an area no larger than 16' x 16' at a time.
- 3. Allow the solution to remain on the floor for approximately 10 minutes, not allowing it to dry.
- 4. Scrub the floor using a white scrubbing pad fitted to the end of an applicator.

#### Removal of Karndean Remove



- 1. Remove all residue with a wet vacuum or mop, and rinse the floor using clean water.
- 2. After the floor has dried, check all residue has been removed.
- 3. Equipment should be cleaned in cold running water and stored safely.

### Applying Karndean Commercial Refresh

When using Karndean Commercial Refresh, avoid, where possible, strong sunlight and ensure all under floor heating is switched off before starting work.



- 1. Using a lint free mop, apply undiluted **Karndean Commercial Refresh** in a thin even coat using overlapping strokes. Where possible, work parallel to the main light source e.g. window.
- 2. Allow the floor to dry for approximately 30 minutes.
- 3. Apply a second coat of **Karndean Commercial Refresh**, working in the opposite direction to the first coat.
- 4. Allow the floor to dry for at least six hours, or preferably overnight.
- 5. Thoroughly clean the mop with cold running water.





### Maintenance advice

- All hard floors can be slippery when wet. Take extra care when cleaning and ensure the floor area is allowed to dry completely before use. During periods of wet weather, it may be necessary to put down an extra mat to prevent water from being brought in from outside.
- Use a large mat at the entrance of the space to prevent dirt and other debris from scratching the floor. Ensure they are cleaned on a regular basis to maintain their effectiveness.
- Mop up any spills right away to avoid slipping and staining.
- Avoid using aerosol sprays or silicone-based products, as these can make the floor slippery.
- We recommend using Karndean cleaning products, as other products may contain agents that can damage resilient floor surfaces.
- Avoid sliding or dragging furniture, or other objects, across the floor. Use load bearing castors with heavy furniture or appliances.
- Rubber can permanently stain vinyl floor coverings. Avoid using rubber backed mats, rubber furniture feet or rubber wheeled castors.
- If surface scratching does appear, it is important to locate and address the cause of the problem. The appearance of scratching can be improved by following stages 2 and 3 using **Karndean Remove** and **Karndean Commercial Refresh**.
- Accidental damage can occur, and while using **Karndean Remove** and **Refresh** may improve the look of the floor, replacing a tile or plank may be preferable.

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