

NeverStrip

FLOOR COATINGS

Thin Film Coatings Cleaning and Maintenance

NeverStrip Thin Film Coatings provide an attractive, easy to maintain surface. These coatings can provide years of quality performance in demanding and even harsh commercial flooring environments.

NeverStrip offers a number of Thin Film Coatings including:

NeverStrip Gloss, Satin, Matte and Color
NeverStrip High Solids Urethane
NeverStrip Liquid Grip

- These products provide durable, hard, non-porous films, which keep the soil and particulates from penetrating and allows soil and marks to be easily removed.
- The products share many Cleaning and Maintenance procedures but they also have unique properties which require specific cleaning and maintenance procedures.

Common Cleaning and Maintenance Procedures

Keeping the floor clean is the MOST IMPORTANT cleaning and maintenance practice to achieve the desired daily appearance and length of time between recoats.

- The most critical procedure for keeping the floor clean is to **AGITATE** the floor with water or a cleaning solution with water using a soft pad or soft brush followed by **EXTRACTION**. The agitation suspends the soil in the water/cleaning solution and the extraction removes the soil from the flooring surface. Removal of the soil prevents it from settling back onto the floor.
- The **AGITATION** can be done in many ways including: 1) manually with soft brush or deck brush or 2) with a 175-RPM floor machine and a soft brush or white pad 3) with an Astro Turf pad with an oscillating floor machine such as a Square Scrub (www.squarescrub.com/); or 4) by employing an auto scrubber with soft brush or white pad.
- Extraction should immediately follow agitation. Extraction can be done in many ways including: 1) a high quality, commercial wet vac with squeegee or wand or 2) an auto scrubber or 3) a portable or truck mounted rinse and reclaim system.

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- The optimal and most efficient method of agitating and extracting a NeverStrip coated floor is with an appropriate sized auto scrubber with brushes or white pad. This approach agitates and extracts in one step. It is the most labor efficient method and essentially eliminates the possible hazard of wet floors.
- Examples of various sized, high quality auto scrubbers designed for commercial cleaning are the Windsor Blade (www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=80); the Windsor Pivot (www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=1486) and Windsor Chariot (www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=1516)
- Clean the floor daily with a clean microfiber pad or 3M Easy Trap Duster to remove loose soil, debris, hair, lint, etc.
- A traditional dust mop is not recommended, since it quickly becomes full and ineffective.
- Cotton string mop usage is discouraged and not recommended. Traditional cotton string mops are highly ineffective cleaning methods.
- Clean the floor daily or as needed with NeverStrip's Neutral Cleaner properly diluted with water.
- Use a degreaser cleaner in replacement of the neutral cleaner when grease and oils need to be removed from the floor. Degreaser cleaners do not generally harm NeverStrip's Thin Film Coatings.
- Spills are best removed quickly to minimize their staining or damage to the coating, especially with substances such as beta dyne, brake fluid and battery acid.

NeverStrip Gloss, Satin, Matte and Color and NeverStrip High Solids Urethane - Unique Cleaning and Maintenance Procedures

- Clean with a white pad or soft brush. Use NeverStrip's Neutral Cleaner diluted with water for daily use.
- A pad or brush more aggressive than a white pad is typically not needed. A red pad may be used with confidence as long as the flooring surface has water.
- Never dry scrub or burnish.
- Do not use a Magic Eraser or equivalent material on the coatings.
- Do not mop NeverStrip coatings with aggregate—use a soft brush.
- NeverStrip's Thin Film Coatings are resistant to many, if not most, commercial cleaning products. Always verify compatibility in a small area before widespread use.
- NeverStrip's Thin Film Coatings do not need to be stripped in their normal life cycle.
- Remove more demanding marks or deeply soiled floors by allowing NeverStrip's Neutral Cleaner or a more aggressive cleaner to soak on the floor to soften/lift the soil and marks.

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NeverStrip Liquid Grip - Unique Cleaning and Maintenance Procedures

- Do not clean with a floor machine with a pad.
- Clean manually or with a 175-rpm floor machine/auto scrubber with a soft brush.
- Use only NeverStrip's Neutral Cleaner or equivalent "light" neutral or "light" degreaser cleaner.

Additional Procedures for NeverStrip's Thin Film Systems

Chair, Table, Furniture Glides and Wheels

NeverStrip glides should be applied and maintained on all moveable chairs, tables, fixtures and other furniture to protect the coatings from unnecessary abuse and scratching. NeverStrip's glide catalog is at www.neverstrip.com/glides.htm.

Urethane caster wheels are best for chairs, carts, etc. Rubber wheels also work well. Plastic wheels can be damaging to the coatings and are best replaced with urethane or rubber wheels.

Alcohol Hand Sanitizers

NeverStrip's coatings are resistant to many alcohol based hand sanitizers. Some hand sanitizer products can soften and damage the coatings, especially after repeated exposure from a dripping hand sanitizer unit. Test the facility's hand sanitizer product prior to application for compatibility. Using non-alcohol based hand sanitizer products and/or drip mats, catch trays and/or placing hand sanitizers over counters/sinks are recommended practices.

Matting

A proper matting system will extend the life of NeverStrip's coatings.

An outside "scrapper" mat followed by a "capture matting system" at all entrances is best. This matting combination will remove a dramatic amount of particulate, soil and grit from shoes and keep the materials off of the coatings.

A matting system capturing grit, by having a lower area for the soil and grit to fall is most effective. A Best Practice is to have at least 25 feet of indoor matting or "Capture Tile Squares". Properly cleaning the matting system is an important practice to produce the "best" results.

Tape

It is best not to apply tape onto NeverStrip's coatings. If tape must be applied use a "light adhesive" tape and always verify its compatibility with the coatings before widespread use. 3M Delicate Surface (#2080) is a good choice.

Other

Stickers, gum, crayon and tape may be successfully removed from the coatings by using Goo Gone Cleaner, which softens the material prior to removal. After softening, use a saturated rag and/or plastic scraper to remove the material from the coating.

