



# Floor Types and Treatments

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Floor Type	When to Use	Safety Treatment	How to Clean/Maintain	Floor Type	When to Use	Safety Treatment	How to Clean/Maintain
<b>Ceramic tile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Commercial</li> <li>■ Office</li> <li>■ Entrances</li> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Acid Etch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Neutral cleaner</li> <li>■ Mild acidic detergent</li> <li>■ Auto-scrubber</li> </ul>	<b>Concrete</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Industrial</li> <li>■ Commercial</li> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Exterior walkways</li> <li>■ Manufacturing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ High-traction hardener or densifier application along with grinding</li> <li>■ Acid etch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cleaner degreaser</li> <li>■ Solvent based cleaner for industrial applications</li> <li>■ Auto-scrubber</li> </ul>
<b>Porcelain tile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Commercial</li> <li>■ Offices</li> <li>■ Entrances</li> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Acid Etch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Neutral cleaner</li> <li>■ Mild acidic detergent</li> <li>■ Auto-scrubber</li> </ul>	<b>Wood</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Office</li> <li>■ Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ High-traction coating</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Specialized cleaner</li> <li>■ Frequent dust mopping</li> <li>■ Commercial floor finish</li> </ul>
<b>Marble</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Office</li> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ High-traction finish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Specialized cleaner</li> <li>■ Routine buffing/polishing</li> <li>■ Periodic grinding with diamond pads</li> <li>■ Commercial floor finish</li> </ul>	<b>Laminate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Office</li> <li>■ Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Neutral cleaner</li> <li>■ Frequent dust mopping</li> </ul>
<b>Terrazzo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Commercial</li> <li>■ Hallways/corridors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ High-traction finish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Neutral cleaner</li> <li>■ Commercial floor finish</li> <li>■ Auto-scrubber</li> </ul>	<b>Rubber</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Commercial</li> <li>■ Industrial</li> <li>■ Hallways/corridors</li> <li>■ Light manufacturing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Specialized cleaner</li> <li>■ Rubber is self polishing and can be buffed to increase gloss level</li> <li>■ Commercial floor finish</li> </ul>
<b>Vinyl tile (VCT)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Office</li> <li>■ Light manufacturing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ High-traction finish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Commercial floor finish</li> <li>■ Neutral cleaner</li> <li>■ Frequent buffing</li> <li>■ Periodic stripping</li> <li>■ Auto-scrubber</li> </ul>	<b>Carpet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Retail</li> <li>■ Office</li> <li>■ Hallways/corridors</li> <li>■ Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vacuum frequently</li> <li>■ Periodically wet or dry extract</li> </ul>