

Floor Types and Treatments

Once you know what your floor requirements are, select the floor that best meets them. You have many choices. Here is a summary of the most common, as well as information about how to care for them.

Floor Type	When to Use	Safety Treatment	How to Clean/Maintain
Ceramic tile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commercial ■ Office ■ Entrances ■ Retail ■ Residential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acid Etch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Neutral cleaner ■ Mild acidic detergent ■ Auto-scrubber
Porcelain tile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commercial ■ Offices ■ Entrances ■ Retail ■ Residential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Acid Etch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Neutral cleaner ■ Mild acidic detergent ■ Auto-scrubber
Marble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Office ■ Retail ■ Residential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High-traction finish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Specialized cleaner ■ Routine buffing/polishing ■ Periodic grinding with diamond pads ■ Commercial floor finish
Terrazzo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commercial ■ Hallways/corridors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High-traction finish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Neutral cleaner ■ Commercial floor finish ■ Auto-scrubber
Vinyl tile (VCT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Retail ■ Office ■ Light manufacturing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High-traction finish 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commercial floor finish ■ Neutral cleaner ■ Frequent buffing ■ Periodic stripping ■ Auto-scrubber

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Floor Type	When to Use	Safety Treatment	How to Clean/Maintain
Concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Industrial ■ Commercial ■ Retail ■ Exterior walkways ■ Manufacturing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High-traction hardener or densifier application along with grinding ■ Acid etch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cleaner degreaser ■ Solvent based cleaner for industrial applications ■ Auto-scrubber
Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Retail ■ Office ■ Residential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High-traction coating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Specialized cleaner ■ Frequent dust mopping ■ Commercial floor finish
Laminate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Retail ■ Office ■ Residential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Neutral cleaner ■ Frequent dust mopping
Rubber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Commercial ■ Industrial ■ Hallways/corridors ■ Light manufacturing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Specialized cleaner ■ Rubber is self polishing and can be buffed to increase gloss level ■ Commercial floor finish
Carpet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Retail ■ Office ■ Hallways/corridors ■ Residential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vacuum frequently ■ Periodically wet or dry extract

Note: It is recommended that you select treatments, finishes, and cleaners that are NFSI Certified as “High-Traction.”