

Elastomer floorings

Maintenance	LOBA Cleaner (maintenance cleaning) LOBA CleanFix (spray-maintenance cleaning) LOBA Sportbodenpflege (wipe care for gymnasiums according to DIN 18032)
Stripping	LOBA CareRemover

General remarks

Elastomers

Elastomer- (rubber-) floorings are manufactured from natural or synthetic rubber under crosslinking with sulfur (vulcanization). They are characterised by good anti-slip properties and good cleanability. Aggressive chemicals (acids, bases, some solvents) may lead to discoloration. Long term exposure to alkaline solutions can induce non-reversible damages. Floorings containing high amounts of natural rubber can display an increased sensitivity against a long term exposure to water. Rubber is relatively sensitive against abrasional forces.

Cleaning and caring elastomer floorings

Like any other flooring also rubber subdued to a natural wear which can be counteracted by adequate measures. Sand, dust and other dirt particles behave like sanding paper and grate the surface. Thus early removal of these particles chiefly contributes to a prolonged flooring lifetime.

Due to the sensitivity against acidic and alkaline chemicals, pH-neutral products are to be used.

New elastomer floorings are usually coated with silicon and/or paraffin wax from the manufacturing process. This layer can be distracting during cleaning and caring measures and thus is to be removed.

First cleaning

Depending on type and intensity of soiling use LOBA CareRemover or LOBA Cleaner.

Maintenance

Common areas

Dry-clean your floor using mop, broom or vacuum cleaner. Dust and dirt behave like sanding paper and thus are to be removed immediately. If necessary (heavy stains), wipe with LOBA Cleaner or LOBA CleanFix.

Gymnasiums (DIN 18032)

In gymnasiums LOBA GymCare is to be used to maintain the properties according to DIN 18032. To do so add 1L of LOBA GymCare to a bucket (10L) of water and wipe the floor using a mop. Do not suck up the solution but let it dry.

Stripping

Manual or mechanical stripping becomes necessary if the floor shows heavy stains which are not removable during maintenance cleaning.

A stripping procedure is performed using LOBA® CareRemover diluted 1:4 to 1:10 with water. Spread the cleaning solution onto the floor and work over with a buffing machine (green pad) after a short period of time. On smaller areas also a scrubber can be used. Remove dissolved dirt before it dries again. Wipe the cleaned floor thoroughly with clear water to remove any cleaner residues.

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Notes

Stripping procedures should be carried out as seldom as possible.

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Please mind also the products' technical information.