

## MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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### INTRODUCTION

Regular cleaning is the key to a better, longer-lasting floor and our recommended treatments work effectively, without harming the surface or the environment. From everyday cleaning to recoating, following these maintenance guidelines will ensure beautiful and safe floors with prolonged life. And remember a good maintenance routine not only maximises your return on investment but also represents sound environmental stewardship, as lifecycle analysis shows that the overall environmental footprint of flooring is reduced by increasing the amount of time it remains on the floor.

Please note that the suggested cleaning and maintenance frequencies provided below are only indicative. Each floor should be individually assessed, with the maintenance frequency adjusted to reflect the level of wear.

- HFX-2C Extra Matt PUR should be purchased directly from Recork: [www.recork.co.uk](http://www.recork.co.uk) or [info@recork.co.uk](mailto:info@recork.co.uk)
- Lobacare CareCleaner can be purchased from KHR Company: [www.khr-online.com](http://www.khr-online.com)

Please note Lobacare Cleaner and Lobacare CareCleaner are different products. Lobacare CareCleaner is specially formulated to clean and maintain the extra matt finish of Recork.

Technical Datasheets for the products recommended in this guide are available for download at [www.recork.co.uk](http://www.recork.co.uk).

### MAINTENANCE SCHEDULING

Depending on how your Recork floor is used and in what kind of area it is located, the maintenance schedule for cleaning varies. The table below provides an overview of how to plan cleaning and maintenance to secure fast and simple but great results. These recommendations are given as a guide only, your individual schedule will need to consider the specific nature of your installation.

		RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	PUBLIC AREAS
REMOVING LOOSE DIRT & SPILLAGES	Regular vacuuming, sweeping or dust mopping will remove loose dirt that may damage the surface coating. Removing spillages promptly with a damp cloth, mop or spray mop will avoid the risk of staining and water damage.	Vacuum frequently & remove spills immediately		
CLEANING	To remove bonded dirt clean the floor with Lobacare CareCleaner using a mop, mechanical mop or spray mop equipped with a microfibre cleaning pad. Lobacare CareCleaner cleans and protects in one step making it the easiest alternative for the regular care and refreshing of Recork.	Monthly	Fortnightly	Weekly
RECOATING	Over time and with heavy wear, stubborn stains, scuff marks and superficial scratches are likely to build up, resulting in dull surfaces. Recoating removes the worn and damaged surface coating, while restoring the overall appearance and slip resistance of the floor. Recoating periodically can greatly extend a floor's life.	5-7 Years	3-5 Years	1-3 Years

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### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

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- Use protective feet on chairs and tables to reduce scratching.
- Avoid dragging heavy or sharp objects across the floor.
- Use castor wheels made of a soft material suitable for resilient floor coverings (according to EN425).
- Use entrance flooring systems wherever possible to prevent loose dirt and grime getting onto the flooring.
- Clean the entrance flooring systems regularly.
- For the best results only use our recommended cleaning products and follow the manufacturers' instructions and appropriate Health and Safety guidance as the improper use of cleaning products may cause damage and/or discolouration to the floor.

### CLEANING – MANUAL METHOD

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Add 50ml Lobacare CareCleaner to 10l water and apply it to the flooring with a mop or spray mop. Allow any residual moisture to dry.

The drying time is approximately 60 minutes. This drying time is valid for +20°C and 50% relative humidity, and assumes draught-free ventilation of the working area. Lower temperatures, higher relative humidity or poorer ventilation lead to longer drying times. Do not apply any protective coverings, wet clean the surface or lay carpet until the coating has achieved its final hardening.

Note that the surface must not be flooded with cleaning solution. Using too much water and allowing the product to work for too long may cause swelling of the cork flooring and must therefore be avoided.

### CLEANING – MACHINE METHOD

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Add 25ml Lobacare CareCleaner to 10l water and apply it to the flooring with a mechanical mop. Do not vacuum up the liquid straight away, so that the residual moisture is able to dry on the surface and achieve an adequate degree of care.

The drying time is approximately 60 minutes. This drying time is valid for +20°C and 50% relative humidity, and assumes draught-free ventilation of the working area. Lower temperatures, higher relative humidity or poorer ventilation lead to longer drying times. Do not apply any protective coverings, wet clean the surface or lay carpet until the coating has achieved its final hardening.

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### RECOATING – INTRODUCTION

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The term RECOATING refers to the application of HFX-2C Extra Matt PUR to a Recork floor that has been in use. Recork floors can be recoated at any time in the future, when the existing wear layer shows signs of wear and tear. As a guide:

- For a lightly worn or damaged surface we advise a minimum of one coat of HFX-2C Extra Matt PUR be applied.
- For a heavily worn or damaged surface we advise a minimum of two coats of HFX-2C Extra Matt PUR be applied.

### RECOATING – METHOD

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- During the recoating process room conditions within the area should be maintained at between +15°C and +25°C, and relative humidity between 40% to 75%, with the material itself kept at between +18°C and +25°C. Ensure working areas are adequately ventilated.
- All care product residues must be completely removed from the surface of the floor.
- After removing care product residues mop the floor with clean water to neutralize the floor.
- After drying, prepare the surface for the new coating by sanding back the existing lacquer carefully. Use 180 grit or finer, taking care not to sand through the existing lacquer to the cork.
- Thoroughly sweep and vacuum the floor to remove any dust that might adversely affect the appearance and bond of the new coating. If necessary use a tack cloth to remove any residual dust, paying extra attention to the bevels.
- Shake the PUR bottle well, then add the HFX Hardener at a ratio of 10 parts PUR to 1 part hardener. Shake the mixture thoroughly for 30 seconds. When mixing smaller quantities, use a mixing container with a calibrated scale, or weighing scales to accurately weigh the components. The mixture is usable for up to 2 hours.
- Make sure the components are thoroughly mixed before transferring to a varnish bucket for application. The product is supplied ready for use and must not be diluted.
- Apply the first coat using a 120 g/m<sup>2</sup> synthetic roller to achieve the optimum application weight of 110-130 ml(g)/m<sup>2</sup>. Coverage at this application weight is 8-9 m<sup>2</sup>/l(kg).
- It is possible to apply another coat of lacquer without intermediate sanding within the first 24 hours. After this time an intermediate sanding is necessary. An intermediate sanding is necessary before the last application to help achieve an even finish. Bona Scrad Pads or Loba Grid Pads should be used for intermediate sanding.
- Thoroughly sweep and vacuum the floor to remove any dust that might adversely affect the appearance and bond of the new coating. If necessary use a tack cloth to remove any residual dust, paying extra attention to the bevels.
- Apply subsequent coats using a 120 g/m<sup>2</sup> synthetic roller to achieve the optimum application weight of 110-130 ml(g)/m<sup>2</sup>. Coverage at this application weight is 8-9 m<sup>2</sup>/l(kg).
- Refer to drying times below before use or before applying additional coats.

### RECOATING – DRYING TIMES

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- Recoating possible after 4-6 hours.
- Intermediate sanding possible after 8-10 hours.
- Careful use possible after 4-6 hours.
- Light use possible after 24 hours.
- Full use and covering possible after 5 days.