

## CLEANING & MAINTENANCE OF HARLEQUIN FLOORS

### A. INITIAL (FIRST) CLEANING

Sweep or vacuum the entire floor surface to remove all loose dirt, dust, and other foreign matter.

Apply a cleaning solution with a 9 to 13 pH...such as Ecolab Mariko, Hillyard Top Clean #154(see below) with lukewarm water.

Allow cleaning solution to soak for 10 – 15 minutes.

Rinse the entire floor surface with clear lukewarm water and vacuum.

**NOTE:** It is very important that all cleaning product residues be removed by rinsing. **Do not apply any type of floor sealer, floor finishes or waxes of any type. Also, do not sweep or dust mop floor with oil treated mops or brooms!!!**

**Do not scrub floor with hard polyester or hard nylon pads, steel wool, wire brushes, or abrasive flooring cleaners. These types of materials can cause severe scratching and damage to the floor surface.**

### B. DAILY MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Sweep the entire area with a clean broom. When needed, mop with a solution of lukewarm water and three to six ounces of neutral-base floor cleaner (see list below).

**Do not apply any type of floor sealer, floor finishes or waxes of any type. Also, do not sweep or dust mop floor with oil treated mops or brooms!!!**

### C. BI-MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

Wet buff the entire floor using a buffer with a white pad. This should remove at least 90% of the scuffmarks.

Vacuum entire floor surface with a heavy-duty commercial vacuum to remove all loose dirt, dust and other foreign materials.

Mix a solution of lukewarm water with three to six ounces of neutral-base floor cleaner (see list below). Scrub the surface with an automatic scrubbing machine (150 – 350 rpm), equipped with a white pad.

**Do not scrub floor with hard polyester or hard nylon pads, steel wool, wire brushes, or abrasive flooring cleaners. These types of materials can cause severe scratching and damage to the floor surface.**

After scrubbing is complete, wet-vac surface with heavy-duty commercial vacuum or automatic machine to remove all residue of scrubbing liquid.

Rinse floor thoroughly with lukewarm water and again wet-vac entire surface to remove all excess water. Allow surface of floor to dry completely.

#### **D. QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE**

Wet buff the entire floor using a buffer with a white pad. This should remove at least 90% of the scuffmarks.

Apply wet, an alkaline-based floor cleaner with a 9 to 10 pH. Let it set for 10 – 15 minutes.

Vacuum it, scrub it properly and rinse it with clear lukewarm water.

#### **E. MISCELLANEOUS**

Thing to remember:

Maintenance is a daily procedure.

Daily maintenance will extend the useful life of the flooring and protect the Manufacturer's warranty.

Your Harlequin floor has a special slip-resistant surface. It is therefore, important that you do not apply any type of floor sealers, floor finishes, or waxes of any type.

Dirt and spills should be removed as promptly as possible. Certain materials can cause serious damage; such as organic solvents (acetone, finger nail polish remover, tar, rubber pads, rubber wheels, etc.). Wheels on equipment should be plastic or composition and should not be metal.

#### **F. APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED CLEANING PRODUCTS**

Below is a list of products to be used with an automatic scrubbing machine equipped with a white pad, for the cleaning of your Harlequin floor. These cleaning solutions must be diluted in warm water, about 6 ounces per gallon of water. Please see manufacturer recommendations.

**STRONG CLEANERS (9 – 13 pH):**

- 1) ECOLAB Mariko (13 pH)  
ECOLAB Citrusolv ( 10.3 pH)  
Customer Service USA: 800-332-6522  
Customer Service Canada: 800-465-5227  
Technical Hot-Line USA: 800-451-7191
- 2) Hillyard Shine-All (9 pH)  
Customer Service: 800-365-1555
- 3) Buro-Net (12.5pH) by Sani-Marc  
Customer Service: 819-758-1541  
Distributed by: Warthan Associates, Inc.  
Hopewell, VA 23806  
Telephone: 888-458-6321

**MILD CLEANERS (7Ph)**

- 1) Johnson SC Stride Citrus  
Customer Service USA: 800-558-2332  
Customer Service Canada: 800-465-5227  
Technical Hot-Line: 800-451-7191
- 2) Hillyard Citrus Scrub or Hillyard Clean Scrub  
Customer Service: 800-365-1555

Note: Maintenance of a Harlequin Floor is a daily procedure. It can be helpful to put walk off mats at all entries and exits to help remove abrasive dirt and grit from the shoes of regular traffic.

It would be extremely helpful if dance shoes were only worn in the dance studios, for example, a dancer will put on their dance shoes in the dressing room, walk to the lobby or common area, then onto the dance floor.

Never hesitate to contact American Harlequin Corporation with any questions or concerns. Our toll free number in the USA and Canada is: 800-642-6440.