# SUGGESTED PROCEDURES

# **Crumb Rubber Flooring**

Crumb or "recycled" rubber is a very durable and long-lasting flooring solution, and is perfect for many environments. With each environment comes a slight modification to the maintenance schedule and type of service. The below are generic suggestions to keep your flooring looking new for as long as possible.

### **INITIAL MAINTENANCE:**

The leading cause of damage to any flooring surface is typically sand and silica abrading the surface of the flooring, so taking the first step and removing that from the flooring is job one. The surface of most crumb or recycled rubber flooring is slightly textured/porous causing issue with traditional ways to remove dry particulates from the surface. Rubber Floors and More recommends using equipment such as backpack vacuums that do not have a beater bar to do daily vacuuming.

Note: For larger areas, use an auto-scrubber equipped with the proper stiffness of brushes (per flooring manufactures recommendations). For smaller areas, mopping and agitation by hand or mechanical.

## Instructions:

- 1. Apply the Cleaner and Rejuvenator properly diluted to the floor
- 2. Allow to dwell approximately 10 minutes, do not allow to dry
- 3. Agitate the using appropriate stiffness of brushes per flooring manufacturer's recommendations
- 4. Remove slurry
- 5. While floor is wet (re-wet if needed) apply the Rubber Floor Cleaner and Rejuvenator (un-diluted) via a mist from a pump-up sprayer, approximately 1000-1200 sf per gallon coverage
- 6. Work the Rubber Floor Cleaner and Rejuvenator into the rubber using a pre-dampened fat mop (note that the area will "streak with a milky appearance). Material absorbs in approximately 15-30 seconds.
- 7. Allow the floor to dry prior to use.

#### **DAILY MAINTENANCE:**

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Apply the Rubber Floor Cleaner and Rejuvenator properly diluted to the floor using either auto-scrubber or mopping on soiled areas.
- 2. Allow the floor to dry prior to use.

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## **RESTORATIVE MAINTENANCE:**

Choose Rubber Floor Cleaner and Rejuvenator or a recommended Rubber Floor Stripper (a pH sensitive stripping solution). Mix chemistry to the appropriate dilution, depending on floor condition. Prepare the area by setting wet floor signs at all entrance points. Tape of all stationary items so as to not have damage from the solution.

- 1. Apply liberal amounts of solution uniformly on floor pump sprayer or with mop. Let solution dwell for the appropriate amount of time recommended per the instructions on the label. Keep areas wet, applying more. liquid if necessary. Note: Do not allow solution to dry on the floor.
- 2. Machine scrub with a counter rotating brush machine or with a 175-rpm floor machine with a scrubbing brush (Aggressiveness equivalent to 3M green pad or equal) to agitate the solution, creating a light foam to break up the soils.
- 3. Remove slurry preferably with a hard surface wand and box extractor or an auto scrubber, or with a wet vacuum or with mop and bucket.
- 4. If using a wetvac or mop and bucket, thoroughly rinse the entire floor with fresh, clean water.
- 5. While still damp, apply the Rubber Floor Cleaner and Rejuvenator via a pump sprayer and work in with a clean dampened micro fiber fat mop. This will first look streaky, as it soaks in the streaks disappear leaving the material with a very light sheen when dry.
- 6. Allow the floor to dry prior to opening space.