

CLADDING E FLOORING
Care &
maintenance

Lapitec[®]
Prestigious Italian Surface

Lapitec[®]:
resistant,
functional,
simple to
clean.



The beauty of **Lapitec**[®] is long-lasting and easy to maintain. Nevertheless, to preserve this beauty and ensure that it lasts, proper cleaning is required.

WHEN YOU CLEAN LAPITEC[®], you must follow a few rules:

1. choose the correct detergent, cleaning product or agent, according to the type of dirt to be removed,
2. give the product enough time to take effect,
3. scrub properly to remove the dirt,
4. rinse properly.

These rules will be even more effective if you act as soon as possible and clean with hot water.

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ROUTINE CLEANING



Wash **Lapitec®** cladding with hot water, to which you may add the manufacturer's recommended dose of **Fila Cleaner** or an equivalent mild detergent.

Rinse with hot water and dry with a cloth.

Do not use waxes, oily soaps or other treatments that could leave an oily film on the surface after several applications as this would compromise the cleanliness and appearance of the **Lapitec®**.

REGENERATIVE CLEANING

When routine cleaning is not enough, specific procedures are required, depending on the nature of the surface stain. In these cases, using aggressive products will not affect the cladding surface.

The amount of time the marking remains on the surface is very important, so we recommend cleaning as soon as possible. Rinse thoroughly with hot water after cleaning and dry with a cloth.

We recommend starting by washing a small part of the area to make sure that it is effective before proceeding with the whole surface. Never use concentrated hydrochloric acid, caustic soda or products that contain hydrofluoric acid and its derivatives. Stains such as ink, paint, wax, oil/grease can be removed with solvent such as thinners, nitrocellulose or white spirit.

WARNINGS: If the surface is not cleaned after installation or if its inadequately cleaned, Lapitec® S.p.A declines all liability in relation to the effectiveness of subsequent cleaning and maintenance operations.

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WHAT KIND OF DIRT IS IT? GET HELP FROM THE TABLE

STAINS	TYPE OF DETERGENT	SMOOTH SURFACES	STRUCTURED SURFACES
LIMESCALE DEPOSIT	FILA DETERDEK or other descaling detergent	MOIST SCOTCH-BRITE NON-SCRATCH SPONGE	BROOM OR PLASTIC BRUSH
ALUMINIUM MARKS			
PENCIL			
GREASE	FILA PS87 or other degreasing detergent	DAMP CLOTH	NON-ABRASIVE SPONGE
COFFEE			
ICE CREAM			
FRUIT JUICE			
BLOOD			
WINE			
BEER			
INK			
NICOTINE			
URINE AND VOMIT			
MARKER PEN			
COCA COLA			
HAIR DYE			
RUBBER			
CHEWING GUM			
RUST	FILA NO RUST or other descaling detergent	MOIST SCOTCH-BRITE NON-SCRATCH SPONGE	BROOM OR PLASTIC BRUSH
SILICONE	FILA ZERO SIL or other special silicone removal detergent		
RESTORING WAX FINISH	FILA SOLV or equivalent solvent		
CANDLE WAX			
ENAMEL PAINT/WALL PAINT	FILA NOPAINT STAR or other gel detergent		
GRAFFITI			
DIRTY JOINT	FUGANE or other special grouting detergent		

Cleaning products technical datasheets: available from www.filasolutions.com

POST-INSTALLATION CLEANING

It is very important that initial cleaning is done immediately after installation, using suitable products for the type of grout used. It should then be rinsed with plenty of hot water and dried with a cloth or a liquid vacuum cleaner.

If other processes such as painting, plumbing or other are to be carried out after installing flooring, we recommend covering it with suitable protection.

CEMENTITIOUS GROUTS

Final cleaning at the job site should be done when the cementitious grout has cured completely (see the manufacturer's data sheet), following the recommendations given below: Use **Fila Deterdek** diluted 1:5 (1 liter of **Deterdek** in 5 liters of water, hot if possible), sweep the floor well, then evenly distribute the diluted **Deterdek** solution with a scrubbing brush and a rough cloth. For large surfaces, scrub using a single-disc cleaning machine with a 3M White Scotch Brite disc. Use a disc such as 3M Green Scotch Brite on stubborn dirt. Leave it for a few minutes to take effect, depending on the degree of dirt. Scrub vigorously with a non-abrasive sponge or a nylon brush. Remove the residue with a liquid vacuum cleaner or cloths.

EPOXY GROUTS

To remove residues of epoxy grout, we recommend using the special **Fila CR10** detergent. Before cleaning with **Fila CR10**, wait until the cement grout has cured completely (see the manufacturer's data sheet) and follow the recommendations given below: Apply the detergent directly to the surface to be cleaned, completely cover all the grout residues and leave it for about 30 minutes to take effect. Scrub the most substantial residues with a sponge or spatula. When applying to flooring, you can use a single-disc cleaning machine with a 3M White Scotch Brite disc. Use a 3M Green Scotch Brite disc on stubborn dirt. Rinse carefully. If there are very stubborn residues, apply the product again and follow the same procedure but leave it to take effect for longer.

TIP: use gloves when washing.
Always wear PPE during the cleaning procedures.