



# HARD SURFACE Tile Cleaning

## INTRODUCTION

Basic cleaning involves a man-made, scratch-resistant, non-porous tile with the original color of grout being a light color without any coatings over the surface. This is the majority of the tile you will find in commercial and residential settings, especially in areas subject to extreme traffic. Before cleaning go to an inconspicuous corner and see if you can scrape any coating off the surface of the grout or tile. Also check and see if you can scratch the surface of the tile with a steel knife – if tile scratches then do not use this process. Place water on the tile and grout and watch for absorption. The water will sit on the surface of a non-porous tile (which determines that you can use this process), but will absorb readily into unsealed and uncoated grout. If water absorbs in to tile, do not attempt the following cleaning process. If water does not readily absorb into grout, then check again for a surface coating. If there is none, then the grout has been sealed and should clean up easily.

## PROCEDURE

- **STEP 1**  
Identify (refer to tile identification brochure).
- **STEP 2**  
Prespray 50 to 100 sq. ft. area with **Spinergy 11** using a **Hydro-Force Sprayer**. Give 5 to 10 minute dwell time.
- **STEP 3**  
Extract with **Spinergy 7** using **SH2** and your equipment set at 800 to 1200 psi.
- **STEP 4**  
Clean edges with a **Gekko** tool and Edge and Corner Attachment.
- **STEP 5**  
Quick dry with **Air Mover**.

## Chemicals Needed



**Spinergy 11**  
**Type:** Cleaner  
**Highlights:** Water-based cleaner that dissolves soils and oils for quick cleaning.



**Spinergy 7**  
**Type:** Neutral Rinse  
**Highlights:** Neutral rinse agent used during extraction. Good for interim maintenance of tile and grout.



**SX12**  
**Type:** Hard Surface Tool  
**Highlights:** High pressure tool for cleaning all types of hard surfaces.



**Edge and Corner Attachment**  
**Description:** Hard surface cleaning tool  
**Purpose:** To create extreme force for cleaning soiled tile and grout in a hand-held tool.



**Sahara Turbo Dryer**  
**Description:** High volume air mover  
**Purpose:** Dries carpet, upholstery and structure quickly.



**Hydro-Force Injection Sprayer**  
**Description:** Injection Sprayer  
**Purpose:** Applies chemicals quickly, evenly, hot and efficiently.



**Gekko Hard Surface Tool**  
**Description:** Hard surface cleaning tool  
**Purpose:** High pressure tool that helps to reach tight corners and edges.

## Equipment Needed



**Truckmount**  
**Description:** Hot water extraction machine  
**Purpose:** Provides heat, pressure and vacuum for the cleaner.



**Olympus Portable**  
**Description:** Portable Extractor  
**Purpose:** Provides maximum pressure for hard surface cleaning.



**Water Otter**  
**Description:** Power washer  
**Purpose:** Uses extreme water pressure to assist with cleaning. Combine with any extractor for a complete system.

## HELPFUL HINTS –



**1** The optimum working temperature for **Spinergy 11** is 140 degrees and is best achieved by applying with a **Hydro-Force**.



**CAUTION** – Check for loose or weak grout before cleaning. Use your knife and poke in several areas checking for consistent strength of the grout.



## **PROCEDURE**

- 1 Identify (reference tile identification brochure).
- 2 Prespray with **Spinergy 11** and allow 5-10 minutes dwell time.
- 3 Extract with **Spinergy 7** with a **SX12** and/or **Gekko** tool.
- 4 Dry with **Airmover**.

## **PRODUCTS NEEDED**

- Spinergy 11
- Spinergy 7
- Gekko
- SX12
- Sahara Turbo Dryer
- Water Otter
- Hydro-Force Sprayer
- Olympus Portable

## **Other Resources**

**Bridgepoint Oriental Rug Cleaning**

**Manual and Course**

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