



## caring for your floor

Marmoleum Click has a strong, durable protective top layer – **Topshield**. This innovation from Forbo ensures a highly effective shield against dirt and scuff marks. Marmoleum with Topshield is ready for use immediately following installation and does not require the application of additional protective coats of finish. With Topshield, your Marmoleum floor will maintain its beautiful appearance with simple cleaning. Dry dusting is a fast and easy way to keep your floor free from loose dirt. Remove spots with a mop or cloth dampened with diluted Marmoleum Floor Cleaner. Avoid excessive use of water on the floor, and make sure chair and furniture legs are covered with felt protectors. An entrance mat will protect the floor from dirt.



### Initial Care Following Installation:

1. Remove loose soil and grit by sweeping, dust mopping or, preferably, vacuuming the floor. Micro-fiber dusters are also recommended.
2. Dilute 1 ounce (3 capfuls) of Marmoleum Floor Cleaner in 1 gallon of clean water.  
Note: Marmoleum is made from natural raw materials. The use of harsh alkalis or high pH cleaners (such as Ammonia or similar products) may damage Marmoleum and should be avoided.
3. Apply the cleaning solution with a mop or sponge. Do not flood the floor or use too much water.
4. Pick up any soil and excess cleaner with a clean mop or cloth. When mopping, rinse the mop frequently and change the solution as needed.
5. A non-abrasive nylon scrubbing pad can be used for cleaning small stubborn spots. For larger areas of stubborn soil, a long handled, soft bristled nylon scrub brush is ideal.
6. Rinse the floor with a clean, damp mop.
7. Allow the floor to thoroughly dry before allowing traffic.

### Regular Care:

Sweep, dust mop, damp mop and/or vacuum as needed. For ingrained dirt, a scrubbing sponge (non-abrasive) or nylon brush is ideal. When damp mopping, always follow with a clean water rinse and allow the floor to thoroughly dry before allowing traffic. When light cleaning no longer produces the desired results, repeat the recommendations for Initial Care.

### Spots & Spills:

The vast majority of spills, including pet accidents, can be cleaned off your Marmoleum floor.

1. Act quickly.
2. Blot as much as possible or carefully scrape dried spills with a plastic scraper.
3. Mop with diluted Marmoleum Cleaner.
4. Damp mop with clean water.
5. Repeat steps 3 & 4 if necessary.  
If the stain persists, as it may with glue, varnish, paint, ink, tar, cosmetics, shoe polish, some wines, coffee and some other substances, the solution is to remove the surface finish and the stain with it.

Apply undiluted Marmoleum cleaner to the stained area and leave in contact with the floor for 2–3 minutes. Rub with a nylon kitchen pad and then rinse with clean water. Repeat if necessary. Once the floor is dry, apply a small amount of finish in the affected area to restore the gloss.

### Restorative Care:

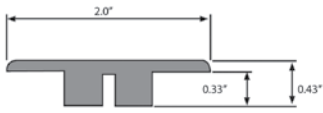
In case of accidental damage to the Topshield top layer, excessive wear or a desire for additional gloss, the following steps can be taken:

1. Remove loose soil and grit by sweeping, dust mopping or, preferably, vacuuming the floor. Micro-fiber dusters are also recommended.
2. Apply undiluted Marmoleum Floor Cleaner with a mop or sponge. Do not flood the floor, but make sure that the surface remains wet for five minutes.  
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3. Pick up any soil and excess cleaner with a clean mop or cloth. When mopping, rinse the mop frequently and change the solution as needed.
4. A non-abrasive nylon scrubbing pad can be used for cleaning small stubborn spots. For larger areas of stubborn soil, a long handled, soft bristled nylon scrub brush is ideal.
5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 if necessary.
6. Rinse the floor with a clean damp mop.
7. Allow the floor to thoroughly dry before allowing traffic.
8. Evenly apply two coats of Marmoleum Floor Finish using a clean, lint-free cloth, or a micro-fiber mop applicator. If using the same mop that was used for cleaning, it must be thoroughly rinsed and clean. The finish should be applied liberally enough to avoid creating “dry spots” or streaks, but no more. Evenly applied thin coats will produce better results than one thick coat.
9. Allow a minimum of 45 minutes drying time between coats.
10. Additional coats may be applied if a higher gloss level is desired. Do not apply more than 4 coats in one day. Please note that following regular cleaning recommendations on an as needed basis will significantly reduce, and in most cases eliminate, the need for more aggressive floor care procedures.

**For further questions, please contact Forbo’s Technical Dept:  
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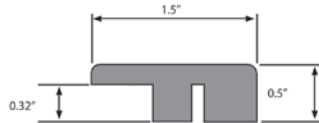
## transition moldings

Transition moldings (3/8") are used to give a beautiful finished appearance to your Marmoleum Click installation. There are a variety of transitions available to join Marmoleum Click to Marmoleum Click or other flooring that is the same exact height, Marmoleum Click to other flooring materials of different heights, and Marmoleum Click to fixed objects, stairs, or vertical surfaces.



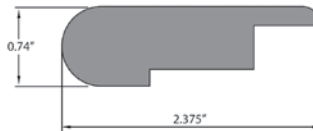
### t-mold

Used to bridge two areas of flooring that are the exact same height. The T-Molding overlaps the exposed edges of the Marmoleum Click and is secured only to the subfloor, never to the flooring itself. Generally this trim is used as the transition piece between rooms, or as the expansion piece for areas that exceed 26 ft. in length.



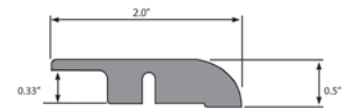
### overlap squarenose

Used where Marmoleum Click transitions to carpeting, or various vertical surfaces where the edge will be exposed, such as along a fireplace.



### overlap stairnose

Used to finish stair edges or step-down applications.



### overlap reducer

Used to create a smooth transition between Marmoleum Click and a floor of a different height. Also used to protect exposed edges of the panel from foot traffic damage.

**NOTE:** An expansion joint also has to be provided if the surface to be covered is longer or wider than 26'. This expansion joint should be covered with a "T" shaped profile. The same applies in the area of doors, connecting passageways and polygonal-shaped rooms. In general, adjacent rooms must be separated with a "T" molding. Use an overlap reducer to transition to adjacent, lower lying areas or floor coverings. An overlap end profile is ideal for clean finishes of the flooring in front of higher, adjacent sills, tiles or other raised floors. An adequate gap must also be provided at door frames or wooden door frames cut short. To do this, place a loose panel against the door frame with the Marmoleum side facing downward, and saw the frame off along the panel.



## ambering

Marmoleum is made from natural materials and many of its most desirable performance attributes (durability, anti-microbial properties) are the result of the continued oxidation of the linseed oil over its life. During the manufacturing process this oxidation may result in a yellowish cast, known as ambering, on the product when it is initially taken out its packaging. This visual discoloration is only TEMPORARY. When exposed to light, the ambering disappears. The process may take only a few hours in bright sunlight but longer with artificial light. Applying a finish over the ambering makes NO difference – it will still disappear with exposure to light.