

## OBEX™ Maintenance Guidelines

### General

The OBEX™ textiles are specifically designed to remove the maximum amount of tracked in dirt particles and moisture. The tufted construction of high twist and heat-set fibers is excellent at trapping soil and moisture; therefore, thorough cleaning is essential to ensure optimum performance and to extend the life of the product. These textiles will, by their nature, be the most abused of all floor covering finishes within the building. We therefore recommend the following maintenance regime.

### Daily Cleaning

Daily use of a powerful upright vacuum cleaner will remove loose dirt thanks to its rotary brush action. An additional benefit of the brush action is to groom the pile, thus helping to reduce pile flattening. We do not recommend the use of a suction only machine (such as a tub vacuum cleaner) because it cannot successfully remove dirt, nor will it have the grooming effect on the pile.

*\*Note: A Bonnet Buffing type machine with rotating discs should not be used.  
This could cause damage to the textile construction.*

### Periodic Cleaning

The frequency of deep cleaning will depend upon site conditions and the volume of traffic over the entry system, as well as evidence of soiling patterns. Vacuum thoroughly before using a hot water extraction machine. The water temperature should not exceed 122°F. Dry cleaning the product with chemical powder such as Millicare® is also a recommended process.

For chewing gum removal, we recommend using “Bye Bye Gum,” “Rid-A-Gum,” or similar products with a freezing effect on the gum, making it easier to remove from the OBEX™ Tile.