

# Choose your vinyl safety flooring options from the Altro collection

The most demanding environments need hygiene and safety with long-lasting resilience. Altro flooring solutions offer just that, and more: they're attractive too and will retain their looks for life. So once you've created a beautiful, calming interior for your residents and staff, you know they'll enjoy it for years to come.

Our products are sustainable and can easily cope with the demands of heavy pedestrian and wheeled traffic. For more specialist applications, we've developed specific solutions with industry experts that can help enhance well-being.



## Cleaning and maintenance guidelines for vinyl safety flooring:

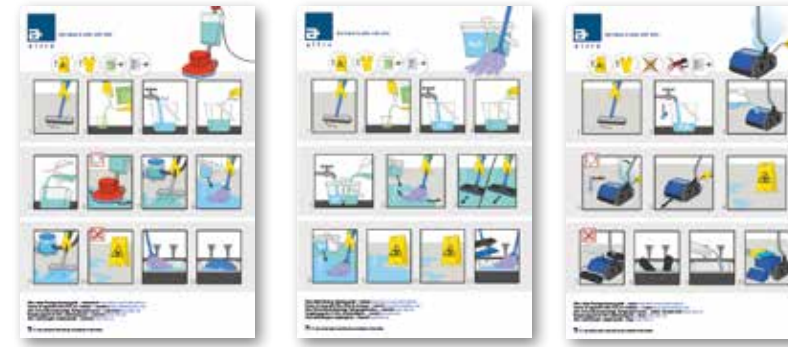
Please be aware, the types of floors within this sample collections brochure, require different cleaning methods.

Please refer to myCare UK intranet for Altro cleaning guidelines and illustrations.

Available to download:

### Altro safety flooring cleaning guides

For mechanical, manual and steam cleaning



The cleaning methods below will ensure thorough **cleaning and maintenance** of your flooring if the visual guides (downloadable above) are followed.

Before selecting your cleaning method, the first step in any effective regime is to sweep or vacuum up any **particulate** and / or **abrasive** soil.

#### Manual cleaning: using a mop, twin bucket and/or deck scrubber.

This is most effective on day to day, walked-in soil, and when cleaning needs to be done immediately, for example, where there is a spillage in a supermarket. For a thorough clean and to be effective on other soil types, particularly stubborn/tacky or greasy, mopping alone is not enough; it is important to use a deck scrubber too.

**Mechanical cleaning: using a cleaning machine.** As the machine scrubs the floor evenly and with pressure, it cleans stubborn and greasy soil very well. If space and availability allows, mechanical cleaning is preferable to manual cleaning as this will help reduce the amount of time spent.

**Steam cleaning: using a mechanical steam cleaner.** This is very effective for cleaning organic soil as the temperature of the steam helps remove most bacteria. It is ideal for areas where hygiene is important such as hospital wards, bathrooms and kitchens. Each method is effective for cleaning both soluble and insoluble soils. The choice will depend more on whether that soil is stubborn/tacky or greasy and whether hygiene is of paramount importance in the area being cleaned, for example, an operating theatre.

#### Precise product and potency

Choosing the right detergent for the soil you are tackling is the only way to clean effectively.

It's also important to dilute according to the manufacturer's instructions. Not enough detergent means a less effective clean. Too much detergent can leave a film on the flooring that reduces slip-resistance and attracts contaminants, encouraging bacteria growth. It is also a common cause of

staining/discolouration and problems associated with chemical damage such as shrinkage.

The properties within detergent lifts and holds soil so that it isn't redistributed during cleaning. It is important to leave detergent on the flooring, according to the manufacturer's instructions, to give it time to do this. What makes one detergent different from another is how acidic or alkaline it is. This is measured using the pH scale which runs from pH0 (most acidic) to pH14 (most alkaline).

**Alkaline:** a detergent measuring above pH9.5 works by dissolving fat and emulsifying soils. So an alkaline detergent such as AltroClean 44 is ideal for greasy and organic soils. The more alkaline the detergent, the more effective for removing grease but the more corrosive it becomes, which can damage paintwork so thorough rinsing is very important.

**Acidic:** a detergent measuring less than pH5 is acidic and a good option for inorganic soils such as lime scale.

**Neutral:** neutral detergents (pH7) are less aggressive and contain fewer chemicals. This makes them more user friendly, with less environmental impact.

Neutral detergents are effective on everyday levels of contamination across a range of surfaces, but will not cope as well with heavy soiling. They are also not as effective for greasy dirt and fats where an alkaline detergent would be more suitable.

Combined disinfectant detergent/cleaning sanitiser: when cleaning organic soil such as food or human waste, this reduces bacteria growth, which is important when maintaining hygienic standards.

**Take a look at the products we recommend using with Altro vinyl safety flooring on myCareUK or by visiting [www.altro.co.uk/cleaning](http://www.altro.co.uk/cleaning)**



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# Altro Wood Safety™

Applications areas:

**Areas subject to foot traffic, such as entrance areas, corridors, communal areas, dining rooms, visitor toilets.**



**Urban Cherry**  
Product code: WSA2003 **LRV: 17**  
Weldrod WR337 / Mastic A1M337



**Autumn Maple**  
Product code: WSA2005 **LRV: 24**  
Weldrod WR339 / Mastic A1M339



**Farmhouse Oak**  
Product code: WSA2004 **LRV: 38**  
Weldrod WR338 / Mastic A1M27

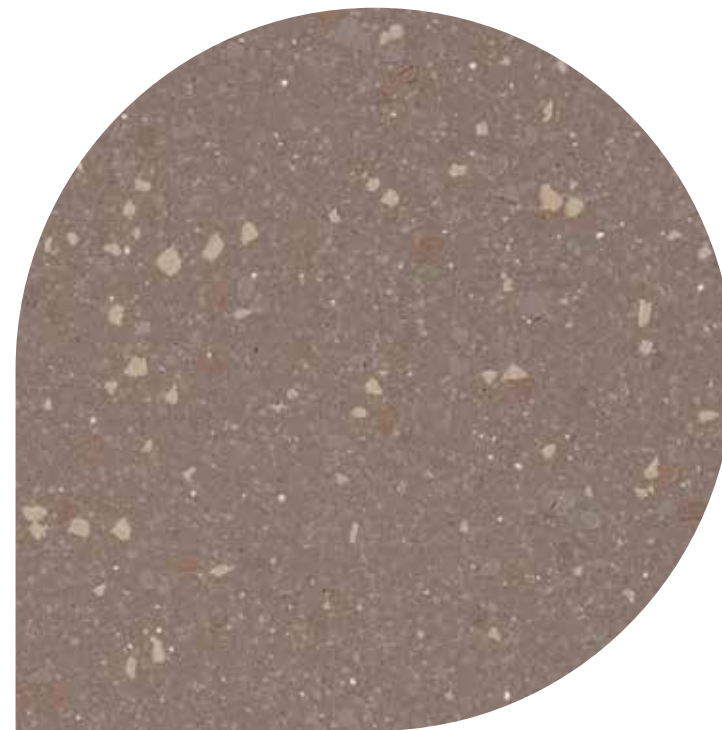


**Vintage Cherry**  
Product code: WSA2002 **LRV: 22**  
Weldrod WR336 / Mastic A1M239

# Altro Aquarius™

Applications areas:

**Bathrooms, showers, en-suites, wet-rooms.**

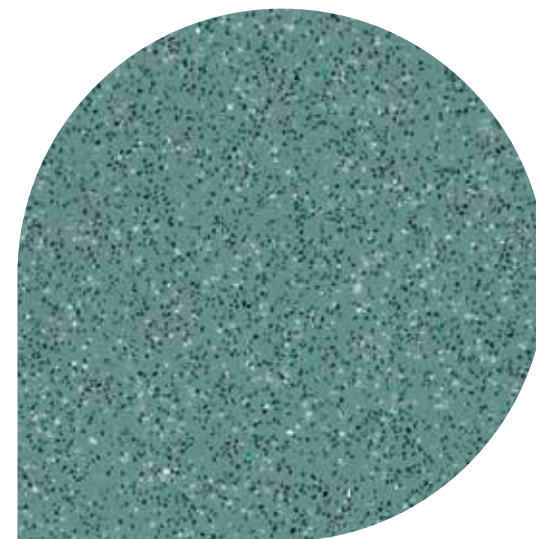


**Otter**  
Product code: AQI2006 **LRV: 26**  
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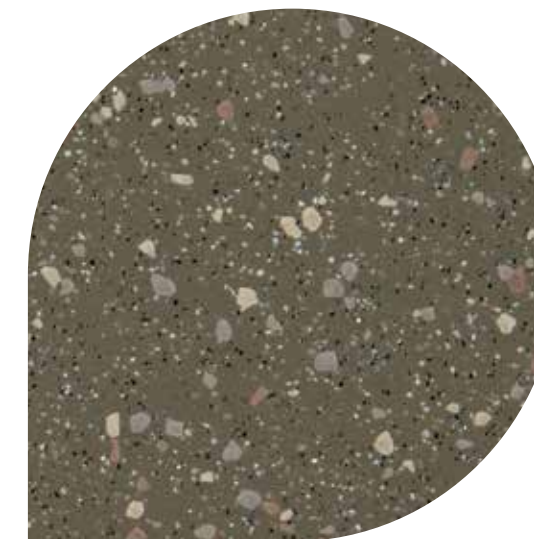
# Altro Walkway™ 20

Applications areas:

**General purpose, back of house areas, store rooms, laundry and sluice rooms.**



**Skyline**  
Product code: VM20332 **LRV: 24**  
Weldrod WR52 / Mastic A1M52

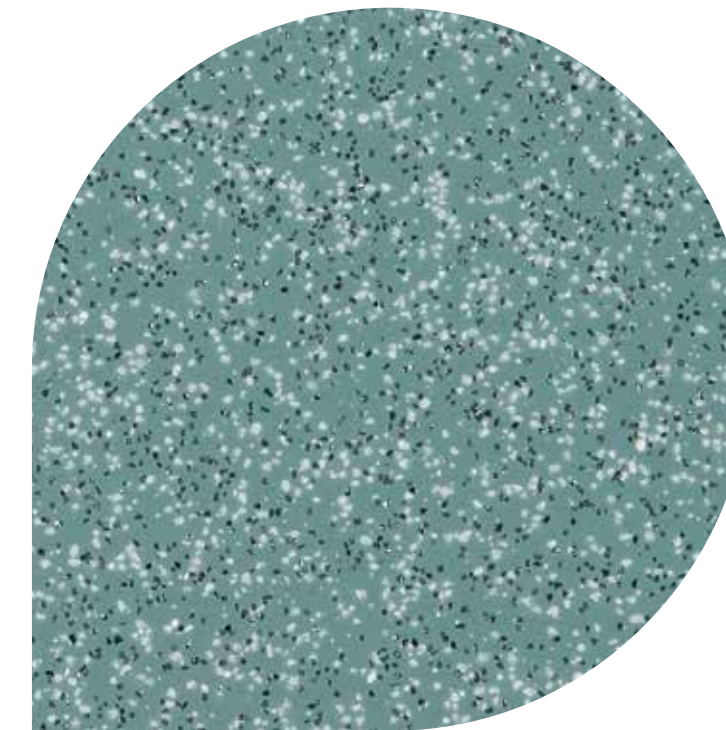


**Savannah**  
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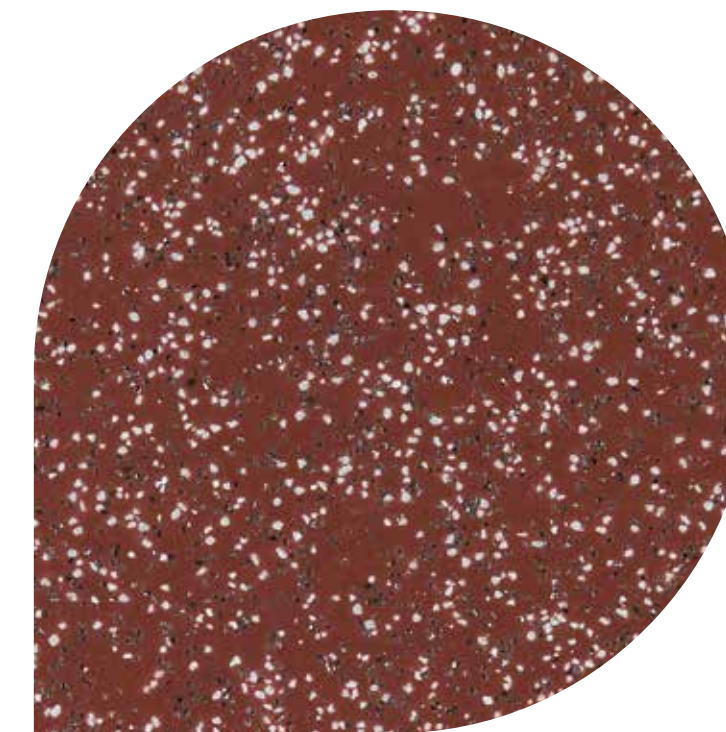
# Altro Stronghold™ 30

Applications areas:

**Commercial kitchens, food preparation and service areas, areas where grease, oils or fats are present.**



**Skyline**  
Product code: K30332 **LRV: 24**  
Weldrod WR52 / Mastic A1M52



**Russet**  
Product code: K30262 **LRV: 14**  
Weldrod WR41 / Mastic A1M41