

TRACTION™ - KEY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What follows are the answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding TRACTION™ Slip Resistant Floor Cleaner and Maintainer when used on specific floor surfaces.

1. HOW DOES TRACTION™ DIFFER FROM OTHER CLEANING PRODUCTS?

ANSWER: There are many degreasers and cleaners which effectively remove grease and soils from floor surfaces. However, TRACTION™ is the only one that contains the Procite™ safety technology. As TRACTION™ works, the surface is cleaned, slip treated and neutral with no alkali residues to attack floor surfaces or produce slippery soaps when water is spilled on the floor later. Over most surfaces, TRACTION™ actually increases the coefficient of friction of the floor and raises the floor safety level higher than the original floor finish.

2. CAN TRACTION BE USED OVER FLOOR FINISHES, ACRYLIC SEALS, SEALED WOOD FLOORS, GLAZED FLOORS AND COATED FLOORS?

ANSWER: TRACTION is a product manufactured using a unique proprietary process which yields a highly effective cleaner and resistant treatment. TRACTION is designed for use over these types of sealed floor surfaces.

3. SHOULD I USE TRACTION WITH HOT OR WARM WATER OVER AN ACRYLIC FLOOR FINISH?

ANSWER: **NO!** Only cold water at the recommended dilution ratios as defined in the TRACTION ... GUIDE TO SAFER FLOORS booklet should be used with TRACTION for cleaning acrylic floor finishes and sealers.

NOTE: TRACTION may be used as a heavy scrub prior to refinishing. At higher dilution ratios with warm water TRACTION may be used to soften and remove dirty top coats to finish without affecting base or seal coats.

4. WHEN MAY WARM WATER OR HOT WATER BE USED WITH TRACTION?

ANSWER: TRACTION with warm water may be used over epoxy, painted, polyurethane coated floor surfaces or any sealed surface that will not be adversely affected by warm/hot water. It may also be used over unsealed vinyl or linoleum (restaurant kitchens for example).

5. IS TRACTION A GERMICIDAL CLEANER?

ANSWER: TRACTION is a powerful effective daily floor cleaner. It is not an EPA registered germicidal floor cleaner. In those areas requiring germicidal cleaners (hospitals, nursing homes), TRACTION is frequently used as a weekly treatment or as the gloss restorer or spray buff to bring the floors back to a higher coefficient of friction level as well as extending the finish life and improving the appearance of the floor.

6. CAN TRACTION BE USED TO RESTORE GLOSS?

ANSWER: In addition to cleaning and improving the coefficient of friction of the floor surface, TRACTION is an effective gloss restorer. The product may be used with standard speed or high speed (2000 + rpm) floor machines. TRACTION may be used with a MOP ON/BUFF IN or SPRAY BUFFING procedure. TRACTION is highly concentrated and is more economical to use as a gloss restorer than many traditional restoring products in the market today.

7. CAN TRACTION BE USED ON MARBLE OR GRANITE?

ANSWER: Marble, granite and other natural stone surfaces are the most challenging with respect to the improvement in the coefficient of friction on the floor. The stone itself can have a significant variability in its composition (hardness, porosity, degree of polishing, etc.) even within the same room not to mention the same building. Other variables such as floor treatments (were any used on the floor - yes or no), sealers (penetrating or topical), and floor finishes can affect how the floor will respond to the TRACTION product. The maintenance personnel will need to spend more time with respect to the method of application which will work best with TRACTION (i.e. trial and error). Generally, since TRACTION is a surface related product, the more completely sealed the stone floor surface, the greater the degree of improvement in the coefficient of friction that will be realized after using TRACTION. For those stone surfaces that are completely sealed with a topical floor sealer or floor finish, mopping with TRACTION has worked effectively. On the unsealed, partially sealed floors, or penetrant sealed floors, the SQUEEZE-N-GO™ Floor Safety Gel or the STONE GRIP™ Slip Resistant Floor Treatment for marble granite, terrazzo, and slate is recommended.

8. CAN TRACTION BE USED WITH AUTOMATIC FLOOR SCRUBBERS?

ANSWER: TRACTION can be applied through automatic floor scrubbing equipment to clean and slip treat large floor areas such as stores and warehouses. Use 2 to 4 ounces of TRACTION per gallon of cool water. For optimum improvement in slip resistance, apply a generous coating (8-10 ounces per gallon of water) of the diluted TRACTION to a section of the floor (e.g. an aisle of a supermarket). If time allows during the initial slip treatment, leave the product on floor for 2 or 3 minutes. Scrub and vacuum the solution from the floor with the automatic scrubber. Proceed to next area and repeat procedure.

9. WHAT COVERAGE WILL WE GET WITH THE TRACTION?

ANSWER: The coverage will vary with the machine type and individual machine settings. The average coverage in an automatic floor scrubber is 25,000 square feet per gallon of TRACTION concentrate when used at the 8 oz/gal dilution. The coverage will vary from one machine to the next. The average coverage for mopping with TRACTION will vary from a few hundred to several thousand square feet per mop bucket. The variability in coverage is a result of the different soil loads from one surface to another. The mop water should be changed frequently under heavy soil loads.

10. WHERE IS TRACTION AVAILABLE?

ANSWER: TRACTION is only sold through janitorial, safety and floor specialty distributors. The manufacturer does not sell the product directly to end users. We will lend technical support and assistance when requested.