

Removing sticky adhesive tape from carpet tiles and hard floors



With restrictions easing across the UK, many will begin to find that removing yellow and black social distancing tape or the adhesive discs from carpet tiles or hard flooring, leaves adhesive residue.

Pre-empting this, Prochem has been testing its products on a selection of tape and variety of flooring types over recent months.



To return carpets to their former glory, use **E840 Citrus Gel**. This is a solvent-based, gel spot remover that, once fed down onto the tape lines, is gently worked in and given several minutes to dwell before either wiping away with a damp cloth or, ideally, rinse extracting.

It's the ideal solution for those smaller areas, such as the 'distance-discs', and the safest method in offices where carpet tiles are fitted.



Note: whilst using a liquid solvent would possibly be quicker, it could cause a bitumen-bleed stain to appear, as the liquid solvent softens the bitumen (or tar) in the tile backing and allows it to 'wick-up' to the surface. On carpet tiles, it is advisable to use **E840 Citrus Gel** instead.

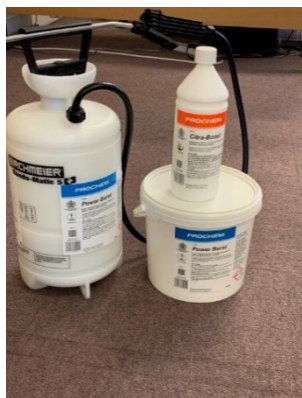


If you have larger areas to tackle and are being presented with long lines of adhesive residue as tape is taken up, then a more cost-effective method, in both product and labour, would be using **S789 Power Burst**. This is a super-strength, alkaline powdered pre-spray, that once diluted into a sprayer, can be applied to the flooring area and gently agitated in, and then left for 10-15 minutes to help dissolve the adhesive.



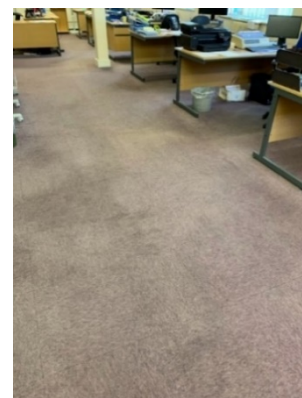
Then the carpeted area benefits from being rinse extracted with **B109 Fibre & Fabric Rinse** or a similar detergent.

After the carpet has dried, this should have cured the problem.



If not, then consider adding **B845 Citra-Boost** to the **Power Burst**. This is a specially blended mix of detergents and solvents that works as a boosting additive and can help to enhance your pre-treatment.

Pre-test if using on bitumen-backed carpet tiles.



Finally, hard flooring where the suggested way to remove adhesive tape residues on products from the likes of Polyflor or Altro, is as follows.

Firstly, try rinsing with a neutral detergent, such as **E457 Natural Multi-Surface Floor Cleaner**.

If the adhesive remains, then the chemical choice could be upgraded to an alkaline cleaner and then, finally, a high-alkaline detergent cleaner.



On hard floor surfaces, such as safety flooring, vinyl, or quarry tiles for example, high-alkaline **D488 Powerclean** is the most effective solution, especially at the highest dilution ratio.

Diluted with warm water and pre-scrubbed into adhesive residue using a **rotary machine** with a green pad or scrub brush, or a **scrubber drier**, Powerclean gives excellent results.



The operator can then mop the floor with either plain water or ideally an acidic detergent, such as **C255 Prorinse**, to neutralise the high alkalinity.

Finally, a word of caution: being a high pH12, **D488 Powerclean** may affect certain floors, such as linoleum or rubber flooring, causing a dye migration, unless an acidic rinse is used afterwards.

Also, do avoid using products that contain either alcohol or ethanol on hard flooring as these could degrade the PUR coating that protects the flooring.



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