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## FLOOR TILES — CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

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### CLEANING AND CARE

- Golem floor tiles are **very hard, extremely sturdy and frost-resistant**, making them ideal for areas with particularly high demands.
- However, grease, oil and silicones can persistently adhere to the rough surface. A **one-time impregnation** with → [“Fleckschutz” by Patina Fala](#) is useful to protect the floor from such stains. The protection against grease stains and the general cleanability can be increased by an impregnation. However, there is no 100% stain protection. **Please be patient with the floor.** Be aware that you will not maintain the brand new look of the tiles. **Over the years, the floor will become easier to clean and more beautiful**, which is primarily due to the **patina**, that must first form.
- After laying and grouting, a thorough final cleaning must be carried out by the tiler. Stubborn stains can be removed using a cement residue remover (acid), soda (lye) and a melamine sponge (dirt eraser / magic sponge).
- After the final cleaning, the floor tiles can be impregnated with → [“Fleckschutz” by Patina Fala](#). **For full effectiveness the impregnation should be repeated after 24h.** In order to avoid errors and damage please follow the instructions meticulously. **The protective effect will last for approx. 10 years.** For further information on the processing and effect of the impregnation agent, please contact Patina-Fala directly.
- For normal maintenance cleaning Patina Fala recommend their → [Grundreiniger Spezial](#) or their → [Bodenseife](#).
- Alternatively, **we recommend** the WASCH SODA from Holste that you can get in almost every supermarket. 1 tablespoon soda to 1 liter of hot water-soaking time approx. 10 minutes. Then wipe it very wet, leave it on the surface for 15 minutes, absorb and wipe with clean water. **In persistent cases** and to reduce the resultant patina, **leave the soda lye**

**on the tiles for an extended period (30-60 minutes)**, after which you can simply pick up the dirt with a microfibre cloth and wipe it with clean water. For underfloor heating please make sure that the lye does not dry up. If necessary, you can increase the cleaning effect of the soda by **melamine sponges** again. Melamine sponges can be found under the trade names "magic sponge", "dirt eraser" or similar in various drugstores and supermarkets.

**For more information about soda** and its application, please visit

→ [http://www.holste.de/index\\_htm\\_files/Holste-Waschsoda-Informationen.pdf](http://www.holste.de/index_htm_files/Holste-Waschsoda-Informationen.pdf)

→ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sodium\\_carbonate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sodium_carbonate)

- Other notes:
  - **Please do not use wax or oil or film-forming detergents** with luster effects.
  - Grouting with epoxy-based grout mortar can lead to permanent stains.
  - **Rust and hot grease** can lead to permanent stains. When putting up washing machine, grill and other furniture, be sure to use the appropriate underlay as protection.
  - **Be careful when using SOPRO grout mortars "Brillantfuge"/"Perlfuge"**. These products have in the past frequently led to discolorations difficult to remove.

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**CLEANING AGENTS FOR FLOOR TILES  
MADE OF PORCELAIN STONEWARE****Floor soap**

- Cleans and cares at the same time
  - Ideal for non-glazed ceramic floor coverings, unpolished stone and wooden floors
- [Patina-Fala Bodenseife](#)

**Cleaner for porcelain stoneware and tiles**

- Cleans 100% residue free
  - Degreasing and dirt removing
  - Highly wetting
- [Patina-Fala Feinsteinzeugreiniger und Fliesenreiniger](#)

**Holste Waschsoda**

- strong alkaline lye
  - dissolves grease and most tenacious dirt
  - disinfects
  - environmentally friendly
  - rather cheap
- [Holste Waschsoda](#)

**Magic cleaning sponge / Melamine foam eraser**

- reliably removes stubborn dirt and stains from floor tiles
  - removes lime scale from acid-sensitive glazings
  - made from BASF Basotect foam: certified according to Öko-Tex-Standard 100
  - can be bought as magic eraser or magic sponge in practically every drugstore or supermarket
- [Sito Power Clean](#)  
→ [Sito Power Clean - Professional Line](#)  
→ [Wikipedia Melamin](#)  
→ [BASF Basotect®](#)

**PROBLEMS WITH PORCELAIN STONEWARE ON YOUR FLOOR AND HOW TO SOLVE THEM****Sandpaper P100**

- Sometimes – due to fine dust that was fired with the tile – the surface is so rough that fibres of your cleaning cloth will keep stuck on the surface. To prevent this from happening the floor can be sanded once with sandpaper P 100.

**Patina-Fala cement residue remover**

- for final construction cleaning
  - for acid-proof grounds
  - removes tenacious building contamination
  - removes residues from lime scale or grout mortar
- [Patina-Fala Zementschleierentferner](#)

**Patina-Fala stain remover**

- removes emulsion paint, lacquer and different graffiti paint
  - removes wax and tar
  - removes grease, oil and silicone
- [Patina-Fala Fleckentferner](#)

**Patina-Fala basic cleaner specia**

- tenacious contaminations and colour residues
  - stubborn polymer contaminations
  - wax and care product residues
- [Patina-Fala Grundreiniger Spezial](#)

**Patina-Fala Acid-tec**

- Dissolves strong lime scale incrustations and tenacious lime soap residues
  - residues of resin grout or glue
- [Patina-Fala Acid-tec](#)