

**ENGINEERS DAY  
SPECIAL ISSUE**
**ACEBOND wishes all Engineers a very  
HAPPY ENGINEERS' DAY**

**CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF FLOORS  
INSTALLED WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL  
CHOICE OF TILES**

Regular cleaning and maintenance is just as important as your original decision to purchase and have installed your choice of beautiful tiles. You are obviously expecting long term performance and pleasing appearance.

Cleaning and maintenance of tiles, for the most part, requires minimal attention. Glazed and unglazed tiles, under normal residential situations, can be cleaned using a tile cleaner recommended by the manufacturer. Always follow up with a rinse of clean water to completely remove all the cleaning solution. Regular maintenance is recommended to avoid build-up of dirt, residue, grease, soap, detergents or other external contaminants.

Improper care of tile and stone using maintenance and improper cleaning products can result in a build-up on the surface, causing the surface to be slippery. Wax cleaners and oil-based detergents may decrease the slip resistance and are not recommended for use on your tile or stones.

**You should set your aim to:**

- ◆ Maintain long lasting original appearance.
- ◆ Keep your tiles and stone surfaces clean and maintain a pleasing and hygienic condition.
- ◆ Maintain the surface to retain the initial surface performance attributes
- ◆ Remove any potential situation that may permanently damage the surface of tiles or stone installation

**Grout Care**

1. Grout is the mortar type material used to fill the spaces between the individual tiles or stone. It's purpose is simply to fill the joint between the tiles and become a permanent, integral part of the floor.
2. Neither sealing the grout nor using a 100% Epoxy Grout will guarantee against surface build up or discoloration of the grout.
3. Grout needs to be cleaned on a periodic basis to remove any surface residue build up.
4. This routine cleaning can be done with a neutral PH balanced daily-use household or commercial cleaner depending on the application.
5. When heavy-duty grout cleaning is required, you can use a professional strength tile and grout cleaner that is capable of removing grease, soap scum, body oil, mildew stains algae, and synthetic or acrylic waxes from the grout joints.

**Post Grouting Installation Clean-Up**

1. Grout haze is a film left behind on the surface of the tile as part of the final grouting process. It is usually buffed off the surface after the grout has achieved its initial 12 to 24 hour cure, with the use of a cheese cloth material. If after 48 hrs a grout haze still exists, then use a "grout haze remover" agent.
2. In cases where you have used Epoxy Grouts, you may need to use an "Epoxy Haze Remover". These cleaners are formulated to quickly and safely remove Epoxy grout haze, without damaging the grout or the tile face of your newly installed floor.

**Routine Maintenance**

1. You should allow your new installed tile and grout to dry for at least 72 hours after installation, before any type of maintenance occurs.
2. Cleaning your new floor with a damp mop once a day is the best thing you can do to maintain your floor.
3. A simple sweeping or vacuuming of your tile floor prior to mopping will remove any dust or debris.
4. Make sure that any cleanser you have chosen is compatible with grout cleaning, and will not stain the grout.
5. Heavy traffic areas should be mopped more often than once a day.
6. Never use a detergent or soap because it may dull the surface.
7. When cleaning, the entire area should be cleaned or scrubbed with the cleansing solution, through the use of a cotton mop, cloth, sponge, or non-metallic brush.
8. The entire flooring area should then be rinsed with clean water to remove any cleaning solution residue.
9. Cleaning unglazed tiles should be done on a regular basis using cleansers that have a neutral pH for safe regular use; these cleaners are better suited at removing grease, oils, and normal spills from unglazed products.

**Protecting Your Floor**

1. Protect your tile by affixing felt or similar pads to the legs of any metal, iron, wood or plastic furniture that could scratch and dull the surface.
2. Exterior metal furniture which rests on tile floors or patios may rust and cause staining.
3. Good quality entry mats will help protect your ceramic tile from wear by collecting dirt, sand, grit and other substances such as oil, asphalt, or driveway sealer that might otherwise be tracked onto your floor.
4. You can also place these mats at heavy pivot locations such as in front of the kitchen sink or stove.

**General Do's and don'ts while maintenance of tile or stones**

Do's	Don'ts
◆ Do sweep or vacuum floor areas prior to cleaning to remove any dust or debris.	◆ Do not use cleaners containing strong acid or bleach for routine maintenance.
◆ Do test your cleaners or sealers on a small area prior to full application.	◆ Do not use wax based cleaners, oil-based detergents or sealers to maintain your tile.
◆ Do use a sealer on grout joints shortly after installation and use products compatible with cleaning grout joints.	◆ Do not use harsh cleaning aids like steel wool pads or any scouring pads containing metal.
◆ Do rinse entire area with clean potable water after cleaning to remove any cleaning agent residue.	◆ Do not use a cleaning agent that contains color.
◆ Do have a damaged or broken tile removed and replaced only by a qualified tile contractor.	

# Sir M. Visvesvaraya India's Engineer & Statesman

Sir M Visvesvaraya- India's engineer is a classic example to prove that hard work always pays. His life fulfills the meaning of the quote- 'as you sow, shall you reap'.

Born in a poor family in Muddenahalli of Karnataka, he became one of the richest sons of India and also a statesman. All the achievements of his life have come to him for his dedicated work and disciplined way of life. As an individual he was a man of principles and had unique personal qualities. He was very honest and systematic in his life. When he was offered the office car he refused to use it and after real hard work brought one for self. He never used even office stationery for his personal work.

Sir MV used to wake up at 4.30 am every morning and reported to office by 7am with clean and tidy clothes which he used to himself wash and iron. He worked till 8pm every day. If he was supposed to deliver a speech, he would

rehearse it for hours with discipline. His punctuality was so sharp that it is said, people of Mysore used to set their watches after seeing him on his way to office.

Though he was tiny in stature he was high in work ethics. He did his work with passion & dedication and always gave his best. One of his popular quote being: *"Remember, your work may be only to sweep a railway crossing, but it is your duty to keep it so clean that no other crossing in the world is as clean as yours"*



It is said - an engineer is not only someone who has the knowledge of design and execution, but the one who also stands by ethics, dedication & excellence.

We have great lessons to learn from Sir MV's life. Simple living and high thinking is what he practiced. Let's take his life as a role model and model our life's when we play the role we ought to play.

**Happy Engineers day.**

## ACE COLUMN

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### MANAGE YOUR TIME

Time is free but it is said to be priceless. We all have time that is equally gifted to us but the common statement we have is that "we do not have time". So much work and we do not find time to complete our tasks. H Jackson Brown Jr says "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein". We all have time but we waste it very often or may be every day and when we realize its worth, it is too late and people only regret.

- ◆ To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.
- ◆ To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
- ◆ To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
- ◆ To realize the value of ONE DAY, ask the person who was born on February 29th.
- ◆ To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.
- ◆ To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who missed the train.
- ◆ To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an accident.
- ◆ To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time once wasted will never be back. Thus we need to work smarter and not only harder. Instead of being robotic in how we approach tasks, let us try to be thoughtful and always ask self if something can be done more efficiently or eliminated altogether. Managing time isn't about squeezing as many tasks into a day as possible. It's about simplifying how we work, doing things faster and relieving stress. It is about clearing away space in our life to make time for people, play and rest too. If planned and executed properly there really are enough hours in a day for everything you'd like to do, but it may take a bit of rearranging and re-imagining to find them.

Here are some of the time management tips that may be kept in mind to utilise time.

- ☑ Complete most important tasks first.
- ☑ Learn to say "no".

- ☑ Sleep at least 7-8 hours.
- ☑ Devote your entire focus to the task at hand.
- ☑ Get an early start.
- ☑ Don't allow unimportant details to drag you down.
- ☑ Turn key tasks into habits.
- ☑ Be conscientious of amount of TV/Internet/gaming time.
- ☑ Delineate a time limit in which to complete task.
- ☑ Leave a buffer-time between tasks.
- ☑ Don't think of the totality of your to-do list.
- ☑ Exercise and eat healthily.
- ☑ Utilize weekends, just a little bit.
- ☑ Create organizing systems.
- ☑ Do something during waiting time.
- ☑ Lock yourself in and be away from distractions and excuses
- ☑ Commit to your plan to do something.
- ☑ Batch related tasks together.
- ☑ Find time for stillness.
- ☑ Eliminate the non-essential.

One Last Tip (The Best One) is that 'Enjoyment should always be the goal'. Work can be play.

We get so caught up in busyness that we forget to enjoy what we are doing. Even when we focus on working smarter, we are still often too focused on getting things done. This should never be the point. Always ask yourself: What can I do to spend more time enjoying what I am doing? The goal should be to arrange your commitments in a way that you're happy living out the details of your daily life, even while you're working. This may sound like a distant dream, but it is more possible than ever in today's world. Be curious. Be open to opportunity. Know yourself. Embrace your passions. All the best... we all have time.

## PRODUCTS OF THE MONTH

## Cleaners

### ACECLEAN General Purpose Cleaner

ACECLEAN General Purpose Cleaner is a fast acting, non-acidic concentrated wall and floor cleaners that can be used for daily maintenance of floorings made with tile and stones. The special formulation of this cleaner made it neutral pH and is most suitable for cleaning dust, dirt, grease and stains from tiled surfaces and sanitary items. When dry, the surface is left hygienically clean.

#### Features and Benefits:

- Antibacterial, fast acting
- Non acidic, environment friendly
- Easy to use, low odour
- Provides hygienically clean surroundings

**Pack size:** Available in 500 ml, 1 liter and 5 liter

**Shelf life:** 12 months, if stored in cool and dry area in unopened container

**Note:** Refer TDS or visit [www.acebond.in](http://www.acebond.in) for more information



### ACECLEAN Heavy Duty Tile Cleaner

ACECLEAN Heavy Duty Tile Cleaner is a heavy duty, powerful acid based cleaner, used to remove strong haziness of cementitious grout, adhesives and other hard water deposit from tile surface. It is a highly effective water dilutable cleaner that can be diluted with water to desired proportion before cleaning of the surface.

#### Features and Benefits:

- Concentrated, fast acting
- Can be diluted with water to desired ratio
- Easy to use, reduced odour
- Provides clean surroundings
- Effective against efflorescence and cement haze

#### Uses:

- Interior and exteriors, floors and walls, kitchens and batch rooms, heavy trafficked areas, etc

**Shelf Life:** 12 months, if stored in cool and dry area in unopened container

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### ACECLEAN Routine Tile Cleaner

ACECLEAN Routine Tile Cleaner is a fast acting mild acid based cleaner, used to remove cementitious grout, adhesive haze and other hard water deposit from the surface. It is a highly effective cleaner designed for everyday maintenance of tile and stone. It is much safer and less reactive to human body.

#### Features and Benefits:

- Economical, fast acting
- Easy to use, reduced odour
- Provides clean surroundings
- Effective against efflorescence and cement haze

**Pack size:** Available in 1 liter, 5 liter and 20 liter

**Shelf life:** 12 months, if stored in cool and dry area in unopened container

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### ACECLEAN Toilet & Ceramic Cleaner



ACECLEAN Toilet and Ceramic cleaner is a fast acting, acid based, highly effective cleaner, used for daily maintenance cleaning of toilets, basins, ceramics, cementitious grout, adhesive haze and other stains from the surface. It is much safer and less reactive. This unique products removes stubborn water marks and hard scaling which develops due to hardness of water.

#### Features and Benefits:

- Fast acting, daily maintenance cleaner
- Easy to use, reduced odour
- Provides clean surroundings
- Effective against hard water deposits, efflorescence and cement haze

**Pack size:** Available in 1 liter, 5 liter and 20 liter

**Shelf Life:** 12 months, if stored in cool and dry area in unopened container

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