

# Care and maintenance /

Correct care and maintenance of Altro walling, doors and ceilings is important for reasons of health and safety, hygiene and life expectancy.

Always follow the recommended procedures for cleaning and maintenance, available from Altro or at [www.altro.com](http://www.altro.com). Inadequate maintenance could severely affect the performance and could lead to breaches of Health and Safety legislation. Altro will not be liable if a product performs poorly through incorrect maintenance or specification. In such cases, the product warranty could be invalidated.

## Choosing the right product and its care requirements

- Consider needs of the location e.g. traffic, soiling and impact
- Consider hygiene requirements for the location and resistance to harsh cleaning regimes in areas of high hygiene risk
- Consider jointing/joint-free installations and thermoforming to corners, windows or door reveals
- Consider compatibility and jointing systems to floors, especially in wet areas
- Consider maintenance costs as part of the lifetime cost of the installation

## Use of approved materials

Altro Technical Services can advise on suitable cleaning agents and polishes.

## Initial and routine cleaning

Initial cleaning and care of surfaces prior to handover is a vital first step to protect Altro products and specific product recommendations should be followed carefully. Development of a regular cleaning routine best suited to the usage and traffic of the area is suggested, as well as removal of dirt or debris prior to cleaning and avoidance of seals or polishes unless recommended by Altro.

Users should refer to Altro for full details of the suitable cleaning and care regime for each Altro product.

Approved cleaning chemicals can be obtained direct from Altro, or by visiting [www.altro.com](http://www.altro.com).

## Installation guidelines

Altro walling, ceiling and door products will provide long lasting and reliable service if installed on suitable substrates by a competent and experienced installer, to the standards and finishing detail recommended by Altro. For detailed instructions and guidance on individual products, please refer to Altro Technical Services 01502 580580.

## Location recommendations

Care must be taken in specifying PVCu wall cladding for locations where solvents, staining and powered vehicle traffic occur. Altro products are not recommended for exterior installation. If in doubt, please refer to Altro Technical Services 01502 580580.

## Finishing and detailing

Altro Whiterock PVCu cladding can be thermoformed to avoid corners. Some examples of detailing for floor and wall junctions are shown on pages 41-44.

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