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**STEP safety vinyl** 

surestep safestep





creating better environments

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## Safer by design

Safety vinyl can be used wherever people work, learn, play or go about their daily business. Slip resistancy is a paramount consideration. The Step collection consists of eight ranges of highly durable vinyl floor coverings combining outstanding slip resistance to recognised international standards with an extensive range of designs featuring fresh colours and pleasing patterns. Offering the most complete choice in function and design, Step will help you achieve aesthetically attractive interiors in a wide range of commercial, educational, health care and retail interiors.

All the colours and patterns in the Step collection have been carefully coordinated, and each family of designs comes in a choice of slip resistance ratings, allowing the creation of harmonious, complementary environments no matter how varied and demanding the tasks to be performed.



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## Slip resistance

#### A safer environment

The Step safety vinyl collection is available in 8 different ranges, all adapted to meet different anti slip requirements for flooring. Surestep Original and Safestep achieve their slip resistance by incorporating throughout the wear layer either quartz, or carborundum grains, or a combination of the two. Clarity in designs, such as Surestep Wood, Stone, Star and Colour, is achieved by using aluminium oxide, also having the same hardness. The result is safety flooring that is tough, long lasting and extremely wear resistant. All particles are so hard that they cannot wear, providing slip resistance that lasts throughout the life of the floor.



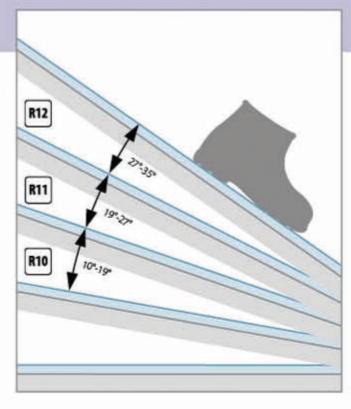
# One slip or trip accident occurs every three minutes\*

Responsible for over 37%\* of accidents that lead to injury, slips and trips, floors have a lot to answer for. Slips and trips are the most common cause of injuries in the workplace. In addition to the extra cost for both employers and society, the most important aspect is the human suffering caused by accidents due to slipping or tripping.

By choosing a Step floor the number of accidents caused by slipping can be reduced significantly. In the long run this will mean less suffering for individuals and a reduction of cost.

\* Source: Health and Safety Establishment, UK

### Classification of slip resistance



#### DIN 51130

Known as the "ramp test" and used to measure slip resistance. In simple terms, the angle of a ramp covered with the flooring being tested is increased until the person walking on it slips.

The ramp is lubricated with oil and a profiled rubber soled boot is worn by the tester. The tested floor is given an "R" classification depending on the angle of the inclination at which the tester feels unsafe. The scale starts at R9 (the lowest slip resistance class) and runs to R13 (the highest slip resistance class). Step is classified between R10 and R12.

### **HSE Compliance**

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and UK Slip Resistance Group (UKSRG), measure slip resistance using the Pendulum test\*. This test measures the coefficient of friction of a floor surface and the results are used to provide a slip potential classification. A pendulum test value (PTV) of 36 or higher is classified as low slip risk. Micro surface roughness measurements can also be used alongside the Pendulum test to provide an additional indication of slip risk with different contaminants. For example, in wet conditions a surface roughness of 20 microns indicates a low slip risk (more viscous contaminants, such as oil, will require a higher surface roughness).

All Step floors comply with HSE requirements and the construction of Step ensures sustainable slip resistance throughout the guaranteed life of the product.

\*HSE Information sheet - Assessing the slip resistance of flooring

#### FN 13845

EN 13845 is the European standard that ensures the sustainability of slip resistance in vinyl floor coverings. It concerns PVC floor coverings with particle enhanced slip resistance. This standard specifies the requirements that must be met to ensure durable slip resistance in varying degrees of usage intensity. All Step floors comply with EN 13845 and Australian Standard AS/NZS 4586.

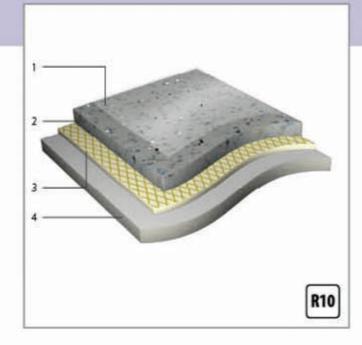
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## Product ranges

The 8 product ranges in the Step safety vinyl collection ensure safety in all applications.

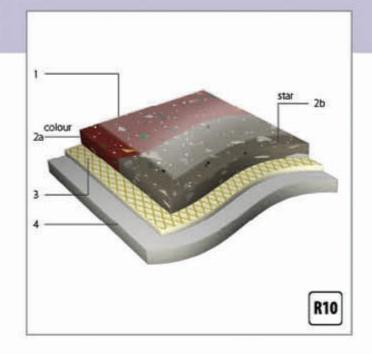
All R10 rated designs in the Step collection feature a PUR Pearl<sup>™</sup> surface – a combination of embossing and lacquer that provides a distinctive smooth and lustrous matt finish with high scratch, scuff and wear resistance.

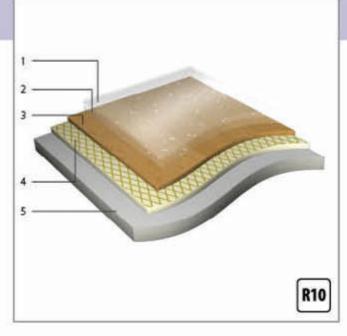
Safestep R11 and R12 have a PUR surface finishing. This finish ensures effective cleaning and maintenance, even on this rougher surface.



#### surestep original

- 1. PUR Pearl™; PUR coating with matt embossing for easy cleaning and maintenance and a natural appearance
- 2. 0.7 mm 100% PVC wear layer with quartz and carborundum particles for durable slip resistance. Design layer, UV light resistant against fading
- 3. Flexible carrier for optimal dimensional stability
- 4. Backing with recycled content and roughened for easy installation





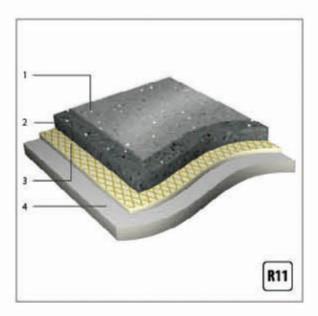
#### surestep colour, surestep star

- 1. PUR Pearl™; PUR coating with matt embossing for easy cleaning and maintenance and a natural appearance
- 2a. Colour: 0.7 mm 100% PVC wear layer with aluminium oxide and coloured PVC chips for durable slip resistance. Design layer, UV light resistant against fading
- 2b. Star: 0.7 mm 100% PVC wear layer with aluminium oxide or carborundum with holographic and PVC chips for durable slip resistance. Design layer, UV light resistant against fading
- 3. Flexible carrier for optimal dimensional stability
- 4. Backing with recycled content and roughened for easy installation

### surestep wood, surestep stone

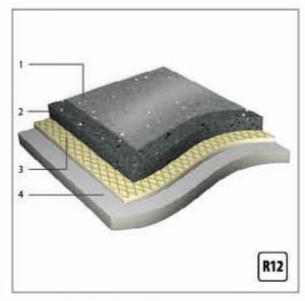
- 1. PUR Pearl™; PUR coating with matt embossing for easy cleaning and maintenance and a natural appearance
- 2. 0.7 mm 100% PVC wear layer with aluminium oxide or carborundum particles for durable slip resistance
- 3. Design layer, UV light resistant against fading
- 4. Flexible carrier for optimal dimensional stability
- 5. Backing with recycled content and roughened for easy installation

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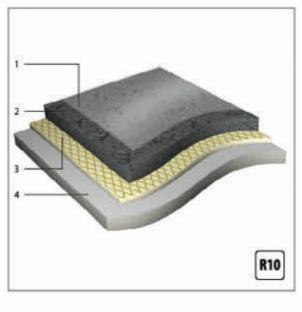
### safestep R11

- 1. PUR coating for easy cleaning and maintenance and a natural appearance
- 2. 0.7 mm 100% PVC wear layer with quartz and carborundum particles for durable slip resistance. Design layer, UV light resistant against fading
- 3. Flexible carrier for optimal dimensional stability
- 4. Backing with recycled content and roughened for easy installation



## safestep R12

- 1. PUR coating for easy cleaning and maintenance and a natural appearance
- 2. 0.7 mm 100% PVC wear layer with quartz and carborundum particles for durable slip resistance. Design layer, UV light resistant against fading
- 3. Flexible carrier for optimal dimensional stability
- 4. Backing with recycled content and roughened for easy installation



#### safestep grip

- 1. PUR coating for easy cleaning and maintenance and a natural appearance
- 2. Embossing for bare foot anti slip properties. 0.7 mm 100% PVC wear layer with carborundum particles for durable slip resistance. Design layer, UV light resistant against fading
- 3. Extreme flexible carrier for optimal installation and dimensional stability
- 4. Backing with recycled content and roughened for easy installation

#### Collection benefits

- Extensive design range, including Surestep Wood All ranges are antistatic
- In compliance with all latest standards, with slip resistance from R10 to R12 and barefoot safety
- Unique usage of combination of guartz and carborundum or aluminum oxide particles ensuring durable slip resistance
- Excellent durability due to 0.7 mm wear layer, wear class is highest with group T rating
- Surestep Original, Colour and Star have dissipative properties

- Extremely high indentation resistance
- Easy to clean and low scuff marking due to PUR Pearl™ and PUR coating, perfect for easy cleaning and maintenance
- Matt appearance for a natural look
- Flexible and easy to install, especially for Safestep Grip for wet areas

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### Design freedom

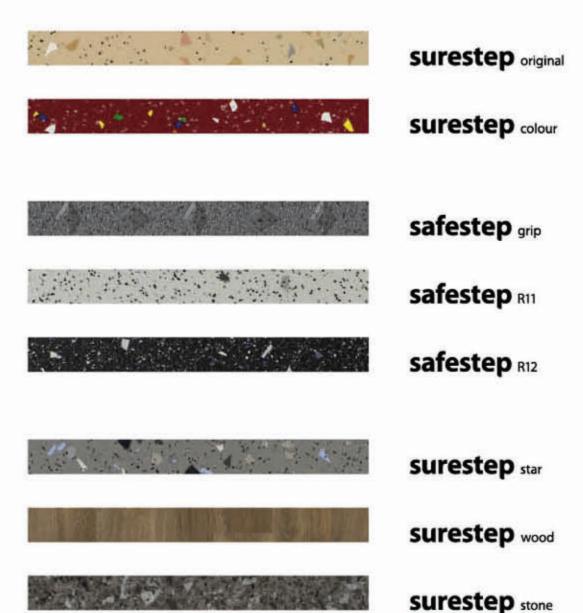
- Colour coordinated with other Forbo Flooring
- 72 different colours, enabling creative solutions
- Non directional patterns
- Logos can be made by using aquajet technique
- Matching or deliberately different designs of weld rod available

Surestep Original and Safestep achieve their slip resistance by incorporating throughout the wear layer either quartz or carborundum grains, or a combination of the two. Clarity in designs, such as Surestep Wood, Stone, Star and Colour, is achieved by using aluminium oxide, also having the same hardness. All particles are so hard that they cannot wear, providing slip resistance that lasts throughout the life of the floor.

### Environmental performance

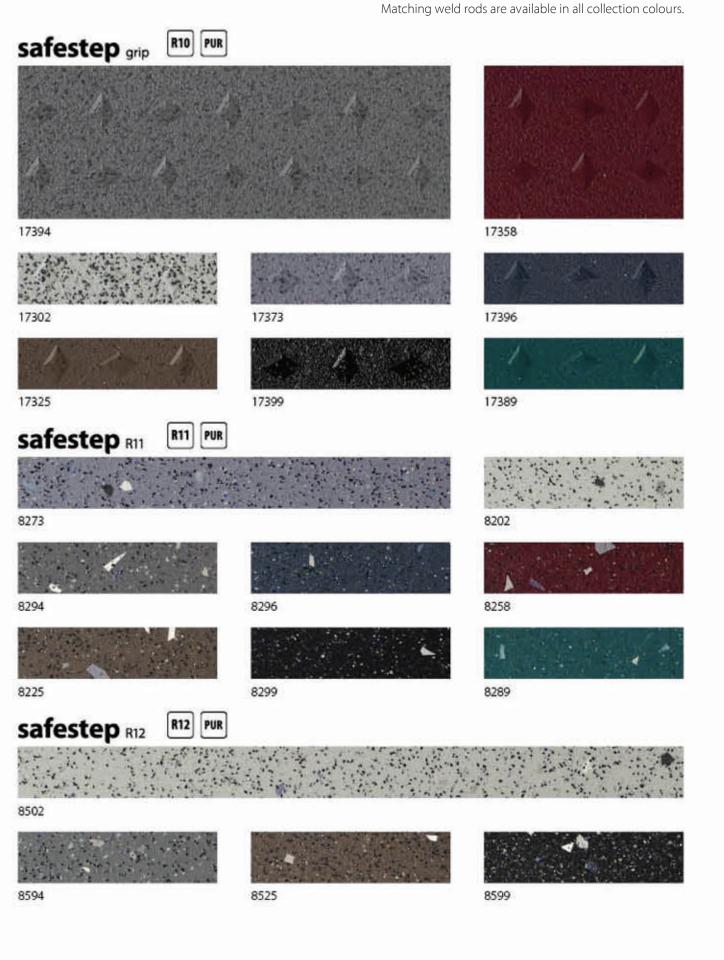
- Step is made in accordance with the latest knowledge in PVC technology, applying the least environmentally harmful raw materials and processes
- We maximise the use of recycled material from production into Step
- Step complies to the highest indoor air climate standards such as the German AgBB scheme
- Step is made under compliance to the strict environmental standard ISO 14001
- Forbo is committed to Vinyl 2010; a voluntarily initiative of PVC manufacturers to improve the sustainable profile of PVC products by stimulating recycling initiatives

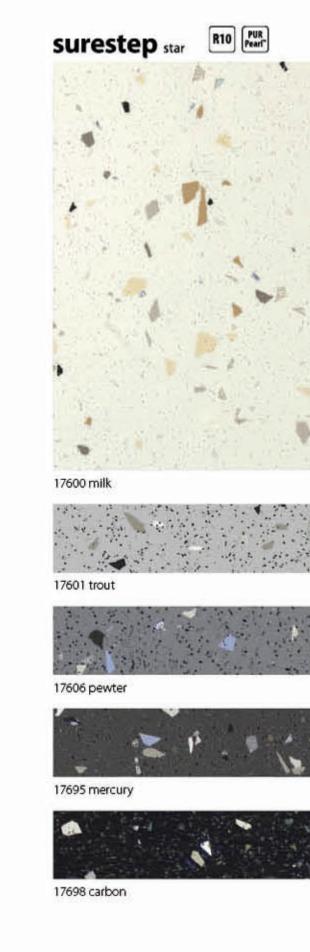
Eight distinctive, durable product ranges. Together they make one superb collection.

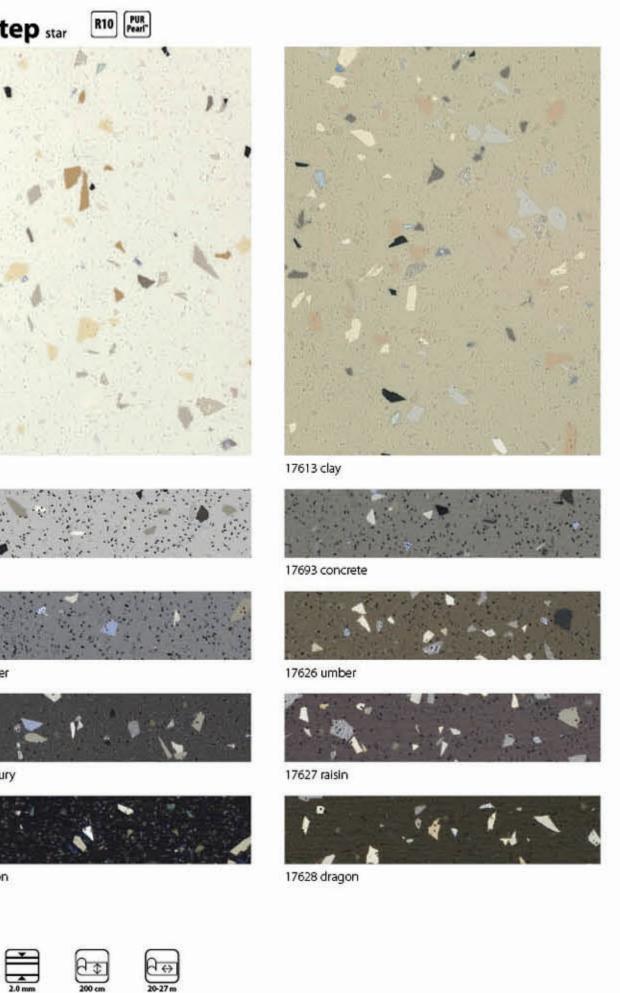


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8999 basalt









8994 shadow



8978 night

























## Service products

In some application areas it is necessary or even mandatory to use weld rods. Weld rods ensure high levels of hygiene because they make seams easy to clean while preventing water from penetrating the floor covering. Using different coloured weld rod is a way to turn them into a decorative feature.

#### Aquajet

Aquajet cutting technology enables reproduction of the most intricate designs and allows for endless creativity. A fine computer-controlled jet of water at very high pressure is used to cut through the material.

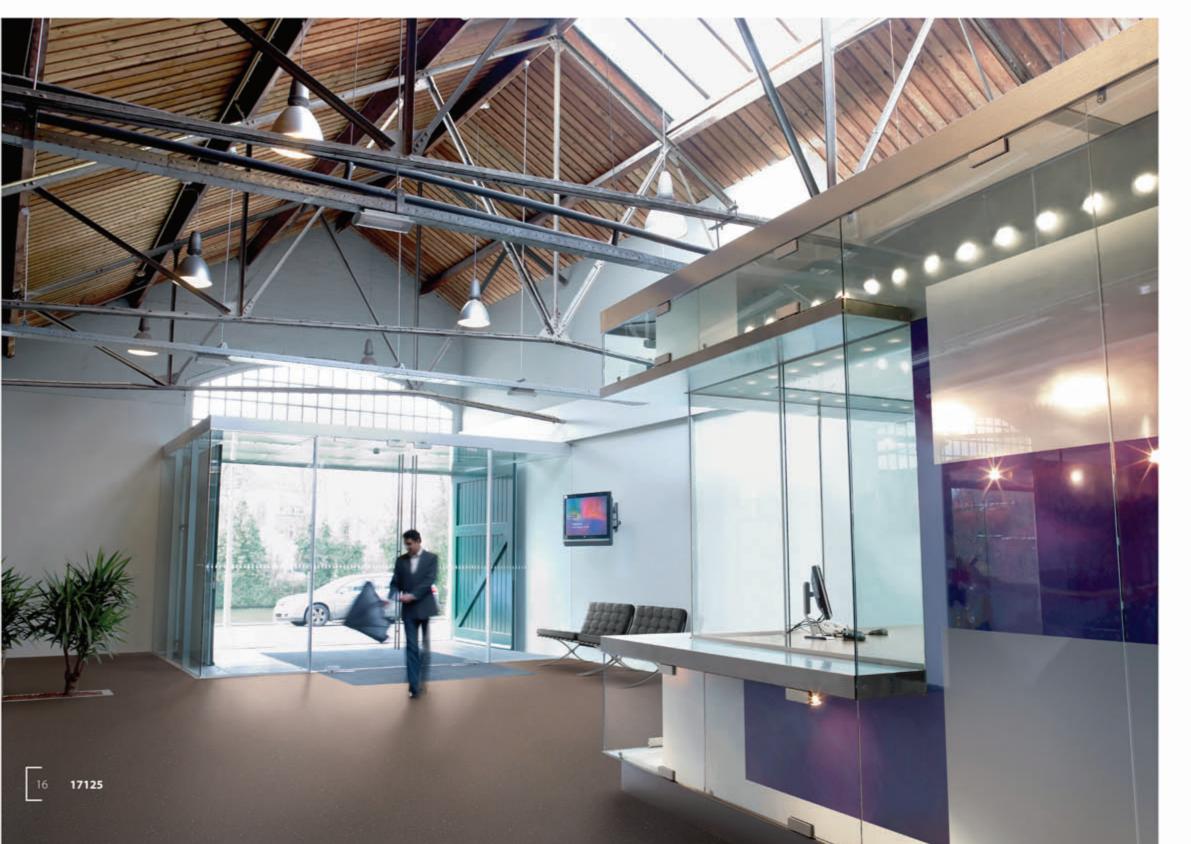
Whether it is a thematic floor, a work of art, a company logo, the possibilities are limitless. Matching weld rods are available in all collection colours.





## **surestep** - durable and easily maintained

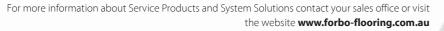
Surestep offers a moderate increase in slip resistance, with excellent maintenance properties and high durability due to the inclusion of quartz and carborundum particles. The other Surestep ranges include aluminium oxide. Surestep can be installed in all general purpose areas requiring an R10 slip resistance. Surestep can also be easily maintained due to its unique PUR Pearl™.



#### surestep original

Lively, colourful and offering authentic, easily accessible designs for today. Multifunctional Surestep is available in 20 diverse colours, from very light to









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### surestep colour

Surestep Colour's outspoken primary colours and fresh, 'happy' patterns give a clean, crisp appearance that will enhance any environment. Positive, pure colours are easy to mix and match for a range of striking, optimistic effects.

### surestep star

Innovative, muted and sophisticated, the larger size of chips used in Surestep Star ensures a floor that is more alive and more of today. The holographic chip gives a "surprise" 3D effect and adds colour to the natural and neutral colour series. Tones of today, all with hints of grey, provide a uniquely refined identity.



Surestep Colour, Surestep Star 19



### surestep wood

Natural, neutral, friendly designs, close to nature, with a warm atmosphere. Surestep Wood offers classical elegance with authentic images and lively structure with a natural grain. Surestep Wood is enriched by carborundum or aluminium oxide particles.

### surestep stone

Contemporary designs with a stone look, featuring a combination of all over granito and tile or tile fantasy designs. Surestep Stone's hard and solid appearance comes in straightforward stone colours, dark and light, enriched by both carborundum or aluminium oxide particles.





### **safestep** – high slip resistance

Safestep offers a powerful combination of high anti slip properties, good hygiene and functional, modern designs in a range of matched and interchangeable colours.

### safestep R11

A combination of high slip resistance and high hygienic standards, ideal for areas with a need for enhanced slip resistance. Safe and long lasting, and with PUR coating for easy cleaning and maintenance. Available in 8 colours, all colour matched with Surestep Original.

### safestep R12

Long lasting, high slip resistant R12 rated floor
ensures slip resistance under even the most extreme
conditions. All 4 colours matched with Surestep
Original. The PUR coating ensures easy cleaning and
maintenance.

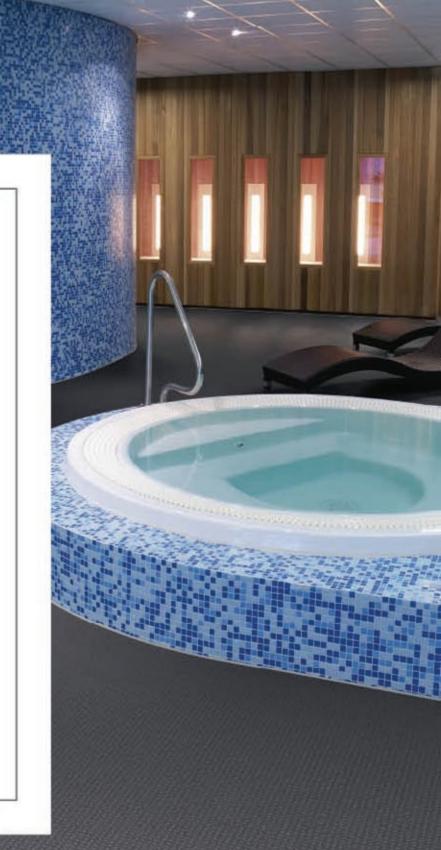




### safestep grip

A rough, embossed surface for wet areas, barefoot areas or where shoes with a soft sole are worn.

Modern, industrial design with new, unique embossing shape, easy to weld, featuring diamond shapes. Available in 8 colours matched with Surestep Original and the other Safestep collections. Safestep Grip is uniquely made with a flexible carrier to improve installation properties. This makes Safestep Grip easy to fit in tight corners and around drains in wet areas.



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### Forbo FloorCare method

The Forbo safety vinyl collections are easy to clean and maintain, thanks to their smooth and highly durable PUR coated surface. The closed surface structure avoids dirt absorbtion and tracking.

#### Surestep

#### Cleaning after installation







#### When intensive traffic is expected:

Allow the floor to dry

• Apply a full Spray with an applicator

• Rinse with clean water and a mop

• Clean the floor with Cleaner and a mop

• Buff the Spray with a rotary machine and a buffing pad

• Pick up dirty water with a wiper and mop or a water vac

#### **Regular cleaning**







**Periodic cleaning** 



· Wipe with a dust mop and dust cloth, or vacuum the floor

- Remove spots with a damp mop
- Spray clean with a rotary machine and a buffing pad, use Spray where necessary

#### **Occasional maintenance**







- Scrub with Cleaner, a rotary machine and a scrub pad
- Pick up dirty water with a wiper and mop or a water vac
- Rinse with clean water and a mop
- Allow the floor to dry

#### When intensive traffic is expected:

- Apply a full Spray with an applicator
- Buff the Spray with a rotary machine and a buffing pad

#### **Products**

Forbo Cleaner is an effective and pH neutral cleaner. Forbo Spray acts both as a spray cleaner and as protection. For more information: www.forbo-flooring.com.au. If you want to use alternative products, please consult your local supplier. Stripping and sealing is NOT required.

### Safestep

#### **Cleaning after installation**







- Clean the floor with Cleaner and a brush
- Pick up dirty water with a wiper or a water vac
- · Rinse with clean water and pick up the water
- Allow the floor to dry
- A combined scrubber-dryer can be used instead

• Vacuum clean the floor with a brush attachment

#### Regular cleaning







#### Periodic cleaning





- Clean the floor with Cleaner and a brush
- Pick up dirty water with a wiper or a water vac

• A combined scrubber-dryer can be used instead

#### **Occasional maintenance**







- On a heavily soiled floor, allow a Cleaner solution to soak for
- Scrub with Cleaner and a scrub brush
- Pick up dirty water with a wiper or a water vac
- Rinse with clean water and pick up the water
- Allow the floor to dry
- A combined scrubber-dryer can be used instead



#### **Forbo Flooring Collections**

Forbo Flooring Systems offers you the most comprehensive range in commercial resilient floor coverings. Below you will find the overview of our core ranges.

	General purpose	Acoustic	Conductive	Dissipative	Tiles	Slip resistant	
						by embossing	by particles
Marmoleum / Artoleum	•				•		
Marmoleum Acoustic		•					
Marmoleum Ohmex				•			
Marmoleum Decibel		•					
Marmoleum Sport							
Marmoleum Dual					•		
Cork linoleum		•					
Eternal	•					•	
Smaragd	•			•		•	
Effect	•			•		•	
Surestep Original	•			•			•
Surestep Colour	•			•			•
Surestep Star	•	-		•			•
Surestep Wood	•						•
Surestep Stone	•						•
Safestep R11							•
Safestep R12							•
Safestep Grip						•	•
Sarlon Tech	•	•				•	
Sarlon Quartz		•					
Sarlon Traffic		•			•		
Eternal Decibel		•				•	
Allura	•				•		
Flex SL	•				•	-	
Colorex Concept	•				•		
Colorex SD				•	•		
Colorex FC			•		•		

#### **Technical specifications**

Step meets the requirements of EN 649 and EN 13845

			Surestep Original Surestep Colour Surestep Star		Safestep R11	Safestep Grip	Safestep R12
- ×	Total thickness	EN 428	2.0 mm	2.0 mm	2.0 mm	2.0 mm	2.0 mm
Ä	Thickness wear layer	EN 429	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm
	Collection size		20/6/10	8/8	8	8	4
îjî î	Commercial very heavy	EN 685	Class 34	Class 34	Class 34	Class 34	Class 34
ΔΪΪ	Industrial heavy	EN 685	Class 43	Class 43	Class 43	Class 43	Class 43
	Roll width	EN 426	2.00 m	1.98 m	2.00 m	2.00 m	2.00 m
<del></del>	Roll length	EN 426	20 - 27 m	20 - 27 m	20 - 27 m	20 - 27 m	20 - 27 m
	Total weight	EN 430	2.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	2.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	2.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	2.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	2.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
K 7	Dimension stability	EN 434	< 0.2%	< 0.2%	< 0.2%	< 0.2%	< 0.2%
T	Residual indentation	EN 433	0.02 mm*	0.02 mm*	0.02 mm*	0.02 mm*	0.02 mm*
	Abrasion resistance	EN 660-1	Group T	Group T	Group T	Group T	Group T
	Castor chair continuous use	EN 425	No effect	No effect	No effect	No effect	No effect
37	Light fastness	EN ISO 105 B-02	7	7	7	7	7
5	Flexibility	EN 435	ø 10 mm	ø 10 mm	ø 10 mm	ø 10 mm	ø 10 mm
<b>₩</b>	Resistance to chemicals	EN 423	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good	Very good
K	Slip resistance	DIN 51130	R10	R10	R11	R10	R12
		AS/NZS 4586	R10	R10	R11	R10	R12
		EN 13845 Annex C	ESf	ESf	ESf	ESb	ESf
		DIN 51097	-	-	-	Class C	-
		Pendulum Test	≥ 36 Low slip risk**	≥ 36 Low slip risk**	≥ 36 Low slip risk**	≥ 36 Low slip risk**	≥ 36 Low slip risk*
	Surface roughness		≥ 20 microns	≥ 20 microns	≥ 20 microns	≥ 20 microns	≥ 20 microns
1/2	Electrical resistance	EN 1081(R1;R2)	$< 10^9  \Omega$	$> 10^9  \Omega$	$> 10^9  \Omega$	$> 10^9 \Omega$	$> 10^9  \Omega$
	Surface finish		PUR Pearl™	PUR Pearl™	PUR	PUR	PUR
	Step meets the requirements	of EN 14041					EN 1
Te all	Reaction to fire	EN 13501-1	B <sub>ff</sub> -s <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>ff</sub> -s <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>fl</sub> -s <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>fl</sub> -s <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>fl</sub> -s <sub>1</sub>
T.	Slip resistance	EN 13893	DS: > 0.50	DS: > 0.50	DS: > 0.50	DS: > 0.50	DS: > 0.50
7	Body voltage	EN 1815	< 2kV	< 2kV	< 2kV	< 2kV	< 2kV
	Thermal conductivity	EN 12524	0.25 W/m·K	0.25 W/m·K	0.25 W/m·K	0.25 W/m·K	0.25 W/m·K

<sup>\*</sup> typical value

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<sup>\*\*</sup> UK Slip Resistance Group guidelines (wet test)