MAINTENANCE GUIDE · FLOORS, WALLS, BATHROOMS AND OUTDOORS

Maintaining KCberry Microcement

Cleaning, protection and renewal for a seamless surface that lasts for decades

Jointless	Cleans with water	pH-neutral	Service life of 15 to 20 years	Renewal without building work

Why it is so easy to maintain

KCberry microcement is a continuous, jointless surface, with no grout lines where dirt and moisture can build up. Once sealed with the **Two-Component Polyurethane Varnish** (cement-based system) or with **Lime Sealer** (PURE system), the surface becomes waterproof and resistant to stains and household detergents. Maintenance comes down to three simple habits: clean with pH-neutral products, protect it from avoidable damage, and renew the varnish when wear calls for it.

The first 30 days

The varnish is touch-dry within a few hours, but it reaches its final hardness through progressive curing. During this period the surface is more sensitive.

Time after sealing	What you can already do	What to avoid
24 hours	Walk on it carefully, barefoot or in clean footwear	Water, cleaning, dragging objects
48 to 72 hours	Place light furniture, with felt pads on the feet	Washing, rugs, point loads
7 days	Normal use of the space and damp cleaning with a soft cloth	Standing water, chemicals, rubber-backed mats
30 days	Full use: showers, kitchen, rugs, thorough cleaning	—

Reference values at 20 °C and 60 % relative humidity. In cold conditions, high humidity or poor ventilation, these times become longer.

Everyday cleaning

1. **Dust and grit.** Vacuum or sweep with a soft broom. Grit is abrasive: at entrances, use a mat without a rubber backing.
2. **Damp cleaning.** Microfibre cloth or well-wrung mop, with warm water and pH-neutral detergent (pH 6 to 8). Do not soak the surface.
3. **Rinse and dry.** Go over with clean water and leave to air-dry. In shower areas, draw the water off with a squeegee after each use.
4. **Spills.** Wipe up wine, coffee, olive oil, vinegar, juices and pet urine immediately. The longer they sit, the greater the risk of a mark.

RECOMMENDED

- pH-neutral detergent diluted in water (pH 6 to 8)
- Marseille soap or wax-free floor cleaner
- Microfibre cloth, cotton mop, shower squeegee
- Self-adhesive felt pads on the feet of chairs, tables and sofas
- Rubber-free mats at entrances and in high-traffic areas

AVOID

- Bleach, ammonia, and concentrated degreasers and limescale removers
- Vinegar, lemon and strongly acidic or alkaline products
- Abrasive scourers, stiff brushes, rotary machines
- Waxes, oils and polishes: they build up a film and cause stains
- High-pressure steam and jet-washing machines
- **Dragging furniture and appliances without protection**

Maintenance by type of space

Space	Routine	Special attention
Interior floors	Vacuum 2 to 3 times a week; damp clean weekly	Felt pads on furniture; soft rubber chair castors
Walls	Dust with a dry cloth; spot damp cleaning	Do not scrub hard on the same spot; stains: see below
Bathrooms and showers	Squeegee after showering; weekly clean with pH-neutral detergent	Ventilate; avoid standing water and shampoos with strong colourants
Kitchens and worktops	Wipe up spills immediately; pH-neutral detergent daily	Trivets for hot pans; always use a chopping board
Outdoors and pools	Wash with water and pH-neutral detergent during the season of use	Check the sealing annually; pools: water balance (see below)

Stubborn stains

- **Grease and fingermarks**: slightly more concentrated pH-neutral detergent, soft cloth, rinse thoroughly.
- **Limescale in showers**: warm water with a few drops of pH-neutral detergent; never an acidic limescale remover. Prevention: squeegee after every shower.
- **Surface scratches**: in most cases they are in the varnish, not in the microcement. Polish gently; if they persist, renew the varnish in that area.
- **Rubber marks** (castors, mats, soles): damp cloth with pH-neutral detergent; do not use solvents.
- **Old stains**: always test first in an inconspicuous area. If the stain has gone through the varnish, contact the KCberry technical team.

Renewing the protection

The varnish layer is the microcement's shield and, with use, it gradually loses its sheen and water repellency. Renewing it in good time is the secret to longevity: it is a **quick, clean operation with no building work**, carried out over the existing surface.

Area	Renewal interval	Sign that it is time
Walls and ceilings	10 to 15 years, or never	Only if there is visible wear or a change of finish
Residential floors	5 to 8 years	Uniform loss of sheen; water no longer beads
Bathrooms and showers	4 to 6 years	Dull patches around the drain; limescale that no longer comes off
Commercial and heavy traffic	2 to 4 years	Visible wear paths; multiple scratches
Outdoors and pools	Annual check; renew every 3 to 5 years	Water no longer repelled; colour faded by the sun

1. **Deep clean.** Wash with pH-neutral detergent and leave to dry completely, for at least 24 hours.
2. **Light sanding.** 400-grit sandpaper to open the pore of the old varnish, without reaching the microcement. Vacuum up all the dust.
3. **Apply the varnish.** KCberry Two-Component Polyurethane Varnish (or Lime Sealer for the PURE system), in 2 coats, following the relevant technical data sheet.
4. **Respect the curing time.** Follow the first-30-days table again. The space is ready for normal use in around 7 days.

Pools Keep the water pH between 7.2 and 7.6 and free chlorine between 1 and 3 ppm. Unbalanced water attacks any surface. At the end of the season, wash, leave to dry and check the sealing with Poolsealer before refilling.

Spot repairs

A heavy impact or a crack in the substrate can mark the surface. Unlike tiles or parquet, microcement is repaired **locally, without lifting the floor**: the area is sanded, receives finishing microcement from the same colour batch and is sealed again. Keep the colour reference and batch number from your project to ensure an invisible repair.

WARRANTY
KCberry material warranty: 5 years, when applied in accordance with the technical data sheets.

MAINTENANCE KIT
pH-neutral detergent, microfibre cloth, felt pads and 1 L of Two-Component Polyurethane Varnish for touch-ups.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
Send a photograph to the KCberry technical team: remote response within the same working day.

PROJECT RECORD
Note down the colour, the pigment batch, the finish and the sealing date: this is the key to any future renewal.

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Two-Component Polyurethane Varnish	Renewable protection: matt, satin or gloss.
Lime Sealer	Microporous sealer for the lime-based PURE system.
Poolsealer	Waterproofing sealer for pools and tanks.
KCberry Sample Kit	To choose a new finish for your next renewal.

Need technical support for your project?

The KCberry technical team sizes your system, confirms the right substrate preparation and supports you or your contractor remotely, from order to final seal.

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