

## Industrial Cleaning Machine

Used Industrial Cleaning Machine Richmond - Save hours of time by relying on commercial floor scrubbers to provide an efficient method for cleaning and maintaining floors in an efficient manner. Did you know that according to surveys, roughly ninety percent of the maintenance for flooring expenses is related to labor? Commercial floor scrubbers provide a way to clean large areas quicker and with fewer workers. Commercial floor scrubbers are available in several automated types. Technology has advanced and commercial floor scrubbers have robotic upgrades to simplify their design. Commercial floor scrubbers have an automated system for dispensing their cleaning compounds more efficiently. Behind the suction nozzle on the vacuum, a squeegee attachment can be located on automatic floor scrubbers to add to their cleaning capacity. These machines feature separate recovery or collection tanks. The dispensing tank holds the cleaning mixture and the collection tank holds the liquids and material gathered by the vacuum system. Having separation between dirty water and clean water creates a more sanitary cleaning option. The automatic scrubber operates by first dispensing the cleaning compound from the dispensing tank, then using the scrubbing system, to push the cleaning compound into the floor surface and loosen dirt, stains and marks which are then quickly suctioned into the machine's collection tank as the unit makes its pass over an area.

### Automatic Floor Scrubber Head Types

There are three basic types of floor scrubber heads, square oscillating, cylindrical and rotary which are often called "discs".

#### Rotary or Disk Floor Scrubber Head

The disk or rotary model of floor scrubber head is the most popular kind. They operate in a circular motion with one or two round brushes or pads that push a cleaning solution into the floor. Cylindrical Floor Scrubber Head Rotating at a 90-degree angle to the floor, the cylindrical floor scrubber model features counter-rotating tube designed brushes to facilitate cleaning. This type of design allows for better cleaning of irregular or uneven locations. Machines utilizing a cylindrical scrubber head commonly have a collection tray located behind the scrubber head that allow for collection of larger objects such as nails and stones, eliminating the need to pick up smaller objects before cleaning. The multiple brush types available make cleaning various types of flooring possible. Different brush styles make cleaning easier. Rubber, synthetic floors and textured tile surfaces respond well to soft bristles and concrete or grouted tile surfaces rely on harder brushes.

#### Square Oscillating Floor Scrubber Head

The square oscillating floor scrubber features a flat pad that scrubs the floor at high speed. The square design makes it easier to clean close to walls and in corners. Square scrubbing heads can be used with a specific stripping pad to take the floor finish away. Vinyl tile flooring can also benefit from being cleaned with square oscillating pads. The square pads oscillate at high speeds, producing higher agitation, resulting in extra cleaning power. Cleaning grouted tile is much easier when these oscillating pads are utilized.

### Floor Scrubber Categories

#### Floor Scrubber Categories Walk-Behind Floor Scrubbers

There is a forward assist feature on walk-behind floor scrubbing models that helps to propel the unit forward when the operator enables this mechanism. This forward assist feature helps the operator continue working for extended periods of time, helping to prevent fatigue by increasing efficiency compared to manual models.

#### Stand-On Floor Scrubbers

Stand-on floor scrubbing models showcase more efficiency for cleaning larger locations in comparison to walk-behind units. These machines are more affordable than rider floor scrubber models. These machines are also typically smaller than a rider machine so can fit into areas a rider floor scrubber could not and have increased maneuverability. Since the operator is standing, these units provide better line-of-sight compared to walk-behind and rider models.

#### Rider Floor Scrubbers

Rider floor scrubbers allow for the operator to be seated on the machine while operating. They work in much the same way as the stand-on floor scrubbers but require even less effort because of the ability to sit comfortably, reducing fatigue. These models are more efficient compared to the walk-behind units, offering 65% more efficiency, enabling larger areas of the floor to be cleaned with ease.

#### Robotic Floor Scrubbers

Advancements in the field of autonomous robotics have created a new group of floor-scrubbing machines. These robotic floor

scrubbers were generated by merging the features of automatic floor scrubbers with robotic features of self-control operations without an operator. Commercial models are suitable for education, retail, healthcare and manufacturing facilities. Some models of commercial floor scrubbers can efficiently clean up to 10,000 square-feet in sixty minutes. With continuous development in robotic technology, the advancement of robotic floor scrubbers will intensify over the years. Increased development projections include advanced sensors and computing mechanisms. The latest generation of mobile robotics sensors allow a robotic floor scrubber a longer range of detection of surrounding walls and objects. This technology will help the machine note its location in expansive environments including shopping malls, airports and convention centers. A random cleaning pattern was first established with the initial floor scrubbing models. Updated models of commercial floor scrubbing units can complete their jobs much more accurately. This allows these robots to cover the entire floor in a predictable and consistent pattern each time they operate. Very few locations (if any) on the floor are missed due to this advanced technology that communicates exactly where the machine has already cleaned and which areas are still outstanding. These machines are capable of safely navigating around obstacles or people while they operate autonomously.

**Additional Floor Scrubber Options and Considerations**

**Hard to Reach Areas** Many floor scrubbers are unable to reach edges, corners or under or around fixtures such as water fountains. Typically, these locations would need to be cleaned with a mop and bucket if they could not accommodate the machine. Some floor scrubbing manufacturers have created oscillating brushes that enable the machine to access tricky locations.

**Pre-Sweeping and Vacuum System Maintenance** Advanced models feature a pre-sweep option and vacuum system to be used before the wet scrub. This allows the machine to remove debris prior to scrubbing without having to employ a traditional dry mop or broom. The collection chamber is situated in front of the vacuum system to catch loose debris and dust before these items can damage the unit. This design helps to avoid any blockages occurring in the motor or vacuum hose. It used to be commonplace to have the entire area first cleaned with a dry mop or broom to collect any debris or dust that might damage the unit or become lodged in the vacuum hose. If blockages in the vacuum system do occur, the vacuum hose might need to be removed to clear the blockage. Occasionally, the vacuum motor may need to be blown out with compressed air to clear away any debris.

**Environmental Options** Certain floor scrubbing models have environmentally friendly options. Safe soaps and water-saving systems work to save on both the number of chemicals used as well as the amount of greywater produced. Some floor scrubbers are even able to clean without water and chemicals at all.

**Solution Dispensing System Maintenance and Considerations** Damage can occur to the solution dispensing system if stripping solutions are added to traditional floor scrubbers. These solutions can be vacuumed up safely without causing damage to the machine. It is wise to flush the solution system periodically with a mix of vinegar and water to remove any calcium and soap deposits that may accumulate over time.