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Care & Maintenance Sheet 1 Polished Plaster

1 Cleaning Surface Dirt and Grime

The quickest and simplest way of removing small areas of surface grime and finger marks is to rub the affected area with a pencil eraser. The eraser will remove all but the most stubborn surface marks without affecting the surface of the plaster in any way.

Larger areas will need to be cleaned with soapy water. First damp down the wall with just water but try not to disturb the dirt. When the wall is wet, then clean it with a mixture of water and mild detergent. Wetting the wall first will minimise the amount of dirty water absorbed into the surface. Under no circumstances use acid-based cleaners for this process, as they may cause permanent damage to the walls.

Once the surface is clean and left to dry overnight, re-wax and polish as required.

2 Cleaning Scuff Marks

If the surface of the plaster has been scuffed with a shoe or plastic item and cannot be removed with a pencil rubber, try the following method:

Take some masking tape and press it firmly onto the affected area and then pull directly off. Repeat this process 2 or 3 times or until the mark has been removed.

3 Stubborn Marks

If you are unable to remove any mark using a pencil rubber or masking tape, it may be necessary to lightly sand the surface in the affected area. Sand the surface lightly with 600 grit sandpaper followed by 1000 grit to bring back the polish. Do not sand heavily in a small area as this may cause a dip and try to avoid sanding too far into the surface as this will expose a greater amount of marble grain and affect the pattern.

Re-apply wax polish and buff up the surface.

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