

nora[®] pads

Why do we recommend nora[®] pads?

With the nora[®] pads excellent results can be achieved in terms of deep cleaning and mechanical daily cleaning. After consultation with our Technical Service Department the nora[®] pads can also be used for the restoration of old floor coverings.

What are the nora[®] pads made of?

The pads are made of synthetic fibres coated with microscopic industrial diamonds. Of course, the pads are free of solvents or any chemicals.

What type/colour pads does nora systems offer?

The nora[®] pads are numbered 0, 1, 2, and 3, but are not colour-coded. All the pads are clearly marked with the pad number and size.

- nora[®] pad 0 is for daily cleaning and polishing of structured noraplan[®] floor coverings (e.g. noraplan[®] stone, noraplan[®] valua, noraplan[®] lona) as well as of noraplan[®] uni, noraplan[®] unita and noraplan[®] ultra grip.
- nora[®] pad 1 is for daily cleaning and polishing of the floor covering.
- nora[®] pad 2 is for periodic cleaning and deep cleaning.
- nora[®] pad 3 is for special cleaning and restoration.

How does the nora[®] pad 0 differ from the nora[®] pad 1?

They differ regarding their abrasiveness. The nora[®] pad 0 is less abrasive than the nora[®] pad 1. By using pad 0 on structured noraplan[®] surfaces the structure will be preserved over the expected useful life. Also our floor coverings noraplan[®] uni, noraplan[®] unita and noraplan[®] ultra grip will keep their optimal appearance because of the specially designed nora[®] pad 0.

What sizes are the nora[®] pads available in?

At the moment we have pads available in 10", 13", 14", 16", 17" and 20" diameter. We also have the ability to order any special pad size needed.

Can the nora® pads be used on all nora® floor coverings?

You can utilize the nora® pads 1 – 3 on almost the entire line of nora® floor coverings. Only norament® with pastilles, with relief structure (norament® serra, norament® arago) and with carving-structure (norament® crossline), noraplan® uni, noraplan® ultra grip and noraplan® unita as well as structured noraplan® floor coverings are excluded from that.

The nora® pad 0 enables the daily cleaning and the polishing of noraplan® floor coverings with structured surfaces as well as of noraplan® uni, noraplan® unita and noraplan® ultra grip.

For norament® floor coverings with hammerblow or cubic-structure surface please use nora® pad 1 preferably. Pad 2 and 3 are for deep cleaning or restoration only and prior to the use consultation with an employee of the nora® Technical Service Department is strongly recommended.

The following table shows the possibilities you have with nora® pads on different nora® floor coverings and surfaces:

			pad 0	pad 1	pad 2	pad 3	
norament®	hammerblow	926 grano		x	x	x	
		975 LL grano design		x	x	x	
		928 grano ed		x	x	x	
		927 grano ec		x	x	x	
	cubic-structure	926 strada		x	x	x	
		926 grano		x	x	x	
	relief structure	926 serra	Please contact nora systems GmbH, Technical Service.				
		926 arago					
		975 LL serra design					
	carving-structure	926 crossline					
pastille		926					
noraplan®	smooth	sentica / ed / acoustic			x	x	x
		signa / ed / acoustic		x	x	x	
		mega / ed / acoustic		x	x	x	
		eco		x	x	x	
		degree		x	x	x	
		logic		x	x	x	
		stone		x	x	x	
		uni	x				
		ultra grip	x				
		unita	x				
	reflection-breaking	stone	x				
	linear	valua	x				
	silk-matte, slightly structured	lona	x				

x : suitable and recommended by nora®

The use of nora® pads on other nora® floor coverings or on different combinations of surfaces and floor coverings must be discussed with our Technical Service Department.

How long do the pads approximately last?

The life period of the nora[®] pads always depends on the condition of the surface and the type of use. For optimal performance of the pads the following guiding values can generally be assumed:

- nora[®] pad 0 / 1: up to 40,000 m² for daily cleaning.
- nora[®] pad 2: up to 8,000 m² for deep cleaning.
- nora[®] pad 3: up to 4,000 m² for restoration.

When should the nora[®] pads be replaced?

Replace the pad when it has worn down to about 3/4.

How to wash the nora[®] pads?

The rough dirt is sprayed with a hose first. Subsequently, the nora[®] pads can be washed without fabric softener in the washing machine at 30°C.

Do the nora[®] pads perform on older nora[®] rubber floor coverings that have been installed several years ago?

Yes. It does not matter how old the rubber floor covering is. The nora[®] pads can also be used for the restoration of old floor coverings but first the Technical Service Department should be consulted referring to this.

Will the cleaning with the nora[®] pads affect the floor's slip resistance?

The pads will not change technical parameters like the floor coverings coefficient of friction.

Can the nora[®] pads be used on any other floor coverings?

The nora[®] pads are designed for the use on nora[®] floor coverings only. If the pads are used for an extended period of time on other floor coverings, it may result in surface abrasion or damage.

Can the nora[®] pads be used on floor coverings that have been retrospectively coated?

The pads are designed for the use on nora[®] floor coverings only. Extended use of the nora[®] pads on floors with coated surfaces will eventually degrade the coating.

Are there any other pads similar to the nora[®] pads on the market?

Although you can find similar concepts on the market, but the nora[®] pads have a specific grit and texture designed only for nora[®] rubber floor coverings.

What machine(s) can be used for the nora[®] pads?

You can use the nora[®] pads with auto scrubbers, side-to-side machines and high-speed buffers. Rotary side-to-side machines should have between min. 160 and max. 200 rpm and weigh at least 45 kg. For polishing of the floor high-speed buffers with 1,200 – 1,500 rpm should be used.

Is there a specific sequence of use for the nora[®] pads?

Yes, it is recommended to always use nora[®] pad 1 after the use of pad 2 or pad 3. After using pad 2 and 3 the floor covering normally gets matter, therefore it is necessary to rework with pad 1. Attention: this only applies to surfaces that can be cleaned with the nora[®] pads 1 – 3! Floor coverings, whose cleaning is realized only with pad 0, are excepted from this.

Will the nora[®] pads work better with a cleaning solution?

In most cases the system works perfect with just clear water. However, in some cases it might be helpful to add some detergent to the water.

Can scratches in the floor be fixed?

Light surface scratches can be fixed using the pads. This is one of the advantages of the coating-free nora[®] rubber floor coverings.

Can the nora[®] pads be used on floor coverings with an uneven subfloor?

Yes, you can use the nora[®] pads on floors with poor subfloor preparations, but in this case only a daily cleaning with pad 0 or 1 is recommended.

Do the nora[®] pads replace existing nora[®] maintenance recommendations?

No. The cleaning with nora[®] pads is an advanced, alternative procedure to clean nora[®] floor coverings without the use of detergents. It does not replace our existing maintenance recommendations, which will continue to be viable.

Is it possible that rubber can be smelt during cleaning?

Sometimes a slight smell of rubber can be perceived during the polishing process. To avoid smelling rubber during burnishing, you can add some wash polish.

How long will the high shine achieved by our nora[®] pads last?

The duration of the shine will be dependent on the amount of traffic on the floor covering. It is always possible to increase the level of shine again.

Will the nora[®] pads eventually wear off some of the floor covering?

The pads have been laboratory tested for a simulated 10-year period with no measurable wear or visible damage of the floor coverings.

Does the nora[®] pad system change the way to clean in healthcare or does it eliminate the need of disinfectants?

The use of the nora[®] pads will not alter the requirements for daily disinfectants use in OR's or other areas such as patient rooms. Hospital facilities have to continue to use their standard operating procedures for infection control while using the nora[®] pads.

Please note the following:

If you once clean the floor covering with a pad, you will periodically have to clean it with nora[®] pads from then on.