

Industrial Cleaning Machine

Used Industrial Cleaning Machine North Carolina - Commercial floor scrubbers provide an efficient, cost-effective and fast way to clean floor surfaces and are used for regular maintenance. Did you know that according to surveys, roughly ninety percent of the maintenance for flooring expenses is related to labor? It is possible to save time, money and labor when you switch to commercial floor scrubbers. There are a variety of automated commercial floor scrubbing models available on the market. More recently, advancements in technology have brought about robotic versions of commercial floor scrubbers. These machines offer an automated system for evenly dispersing the cleaning compound at regular intervals. In addition, automatic floor scrubbers include a vacuum system and are usually fitted with a squeegee attachment located at the back of the machine, behind the vacuum's suction nozzle. These units also have separate dispensing and collection or recovery 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. First, the automatic scrubber dispenses the cleaning solution and the scrubbing system is activated to loosen stains and dirt which are next suctioned into the collection tank of the machine when it passes over a location.

Automatic Floor Scrubber Head Types

There are three main types of floor scrubber heads including cylindrical, rotary (also known as disk), and square oscillating.

Rotary or Disk Floor Scrubber Head

The rotary or disk model of floor scrubber head is the most common type. They use a circular motion with one or two round pads or brushes to push a cleaning compound into the floor.

Cylindrical Floor Scrubber Head

The cylindrical floor scrubber head uses counter rotating tube style brushes that rotate at a 90 degree angle to the floor. 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. Different brush styles make it easy to clean a wide variety of floor surfaces. A softer brush can be used to clean rubber, textured tile and synthetic floors while a stiffer brush can be used for rough surfaces such as concrete and grouted tile.

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. When used with a special stripping pad, square scrubber heads are able to strip floor finish from a floor. They also work well for cleaning vinyl tile floors. Because the square pad oscillates at very high speed, they apply more agitation to the floor resulting in more cleaning power. These square pads are useful for cleaning grouted tile.

Floor Scrubber Categories

There are four categories of floor scrubbers: Robotic, Rider, Stand-on and Walk-behind.

Walk-Behind Floor Scrubbers

The walk-behind floor scrubber units have a forward assist feature that softly propels the machine forward when the operator enables this item. The forward assist mechanism can help eliminate operator fatigue by enabling the operator to work longer in comparison to manual and traditional methods.

Stand-On Floor Scrubbers

The stand-on floor scrubber models provide better efficiency for larger spaces compared to walk-behind models and these units are more cost-efficient compared to a rider floor scrubber. Stand-on floor scrubbers have greater maneuverability are usually more compact than a rider machine, enabling it to fit into locations that a rider unit would have a difficult time accessing. 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. This design facilitates up to sixty-five percent more efficiency in comparison to the walk-behind models and allows large areas of the floor to be covered more efficiently.

Robotic Floor Scrubbers

Advancements in technologies in the autonomous robotics field have produced a new niche of floor-scrubbing robots. These units were born by joining self-control robotic features with automatic floor

scrubbing options. Commercial floor scrubbers are commonly found in manufacturing facilities, healthcare, retail and education centers. Certain robotic commercial units are capable of cleaning an area up to ten thousand square feet in one hour. New technology is developing all the time and the capacity for robotic floor scrubbers will only increase. Areas of increased development are expected specifically with improved sensors and computing components. The latest generation of mobile robotics sensors allow a robotic floor scrubber a longer range of detection of surrounding walls and objects. This will enable the unit to be precise when determining its particular location in large locations including airports, convention centers and shopping malls. Early models of residential cleaning robots followed a random pattern when cleaning. However, commercial robotic floor scrubbers are now able to create an accurate plan for cleaning. This allows these robots to cover the entire floor in a predictable and consistent pattern each time they operate. Because of these advancing capabilities which allow these robotic floor scrubbers to know precisely where they have already cleaned and what areas they must still clean, they miss very few, if any, areas of the floor. 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. This would normally necessitate mopping in these areas too small to fit an automatic floor scrubber. There are oscillating brush decks available for certain floor scrubbing models to help them deal with hard-to-reach areas.

Pre-Sweeping and Vacuum System Maintenance

Pre-sweeping features and vacuum systems enable newer models to complete a dry cleaning before the wet scrub option. This allows the machine to remove debris prior to scrubbing without having to employ a traditional dry mop or broom. The pre-sweep brush head and collection chamber is placed in front of the vacuum system to collect dust and loose debris before it is able to reach the the vacuum system. 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. Similar to residential vacuum systems, if a blockage happens, the vacuum hose may need to be removed to clear the area. 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. There are more environmental features incorporated into certain designs including safer soaps and water-saving systems to reduce the greywater and the chemicals. 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. However, they can still be vacuumed up by the machine without damage. 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.