

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Church and School

LINATEX® Floor Scrubber Squeegees

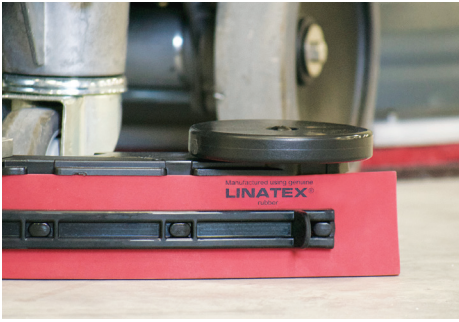


“I wish I would have known about Linatex® floor squeegees years ago, it’s saving me so much time because I don’t need to go over the floor again and again to pick up the water.

At first I had to keep checking to make sure the water was on because the floor was so dry— I wasn’t used to that.”

*Gary Lang
St. Vincent de Paul Facility Manager*





LINATEX®

A Clean, Dry Floor In One Pass

SITUATION

- 14,000 sq. ft. facility
- High foot traffic
- Daytime cleaning
- Multiple floor surfaces

PROBLEM

- Water left behind
- A second pass of machine was required 50% of the time

SOLUTION

- Linatex Squeegees produce a clean, dry floor in one pass

RESULTS*

- 33% increase in productivity
- 50% labor savings

CONCLUSION

- Save time and money using the right squeegee for facility challenges

St. Vincent de Paul Church and School in Brooklyn Park, MN has a lot of foot traffic. Everyday, people of all ages—students, staff, parishioners and visitors walk the halls of the facility. With a large amount of foot traffic and the need to keep floors clean during the day, there is significant risk for potential slip and fall accidents. This has implications for liability, workers' compensation claims, skyrocketing insurance rates, and image. While the visual appearance and cleanliness of the floor is critical, more important is whether everyone feels safe and welcome.

The floor scrubbing machine and previous gum rubber squeegee used to clean the facility's floors left enough water behind that a second pass was necessary to clean up the remaining water—and, at times, even hand mopping was necessary to finish the job. The poor performance of the squeegee increased the likelihood of dirty water remaining on the floor, which meant the cleaning job was incomplete. All of this cost extra time and money, and the floor was not as safe as it should have been.

The cleaning crew decided to try a new squeegee made from Linatex® instead of commodity gum rubber. They had read about its performance characteristics and wanted to see for themselves whether it made a difference. They kept detailed cleaning records of what needed to be done and how long it took so they could quantify their findings.

Using a Linatex® squeegee, the cleaning crew achieved measurably better results. Cleaning time was reduced by 50% because they did not have to repeatedly go over the floor to pick up water left behind. This translated into a 33% productivity increase.

In most common floor scrubbing applications, Linatex® squeegees provide superior cleaning and water pickup, which improves safety, indoor air quality (IAQ), aesthetics and morale. And because Linatex® squeegees are tear and wear resistant, they reduce the time required for adjustment and replacement. With immediate labor savings and longer service life, Linatex® provides a lower total cost of ownership.

*Productivity and labor saving based on cleaning 15,000 square feet using a 27-inch walk-behind floor scrubber, 100 cleanings annually, and requiring 50% of the floor being rescrubbed when using a gum rubber squeegee to recover water left behind.



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