

## Cleaning recommendation for OWA ceiling systems

Our OWAoustic tiles, which are manufactured using the wet-felt process according to DIN 18177, have an extremely low filtering effect, which means that, by design, less dirt is trapped at the ceiling. If cleaning is nevertheless necessary, you can follow our recommendations below.

**For cleaning ceiling tiles in exposed systems, it can be expedient to use hold down clips (e.g. #819). These ensure that the surface layers are secured in the suspended ceilings during cleaning work. If necessary, we recommend removal of the respective OWAoustic tile from the suspended ceiling when cleaning without fixed tiles.**

### OWAlifetime collection

Finetta High NRC	A, B, C
Sandila/N / Sandila NRC	A
Octave 70 High CACC	A, C
Octave 75	A, C
Octave 80	A, C
Octave 80 High CAC	A, C
Octave 85	A, C
Octave 90 High CAC	A, C
Octave 95	A, C
Octave 75 Humancare	A, C, F
Octave 85 Humancare	A, C, F
Octave 85 black	A, C
Octave wood colors	A
Sanitas® 02   Plain	A, B, C, D, E, F

### OWAconsult collection

Bamboo	A
Cloud	A, C
Corpus	A, C
Curve	A, C
FreeStyle	A, C
Opus	A
OWAplan	A
RAW	A
Square	A, C
Selecta	A, C
Trapeze	A, C
Unique	A

# Cleaning procedure

## A Vacuuming

**Tool:** Standard commercially available vacuum cleaner with a filter attachment (dust prevention) and flat brush attachment.

**Procedure:** Operate the vacuum cleaner at moderate power. Applying slight pressure, extensively vacuum the surfaces. Please take great care not to loosen the surface layers from the structure when cleaning (adjust the cleaning pressure, risk of injury). In the event of serious soiling, and of frequent cleaning operations, it is advisable to secure the OWAacoustic tiles from lifting (e.g. with hold down clips #819 or #44/20).

## B Wiping

**Tool:** Damp cloth or sponge (e.g. OWA cleaning sponge #99/06).

**Procedure:** Soak the OWA cleaning sponge (or alternative sponge) in clean water and then wring it out well. Basic dirt (fingerprints, etc. - no lubricating impurities) can be removed by wiping gently (\*B1). In case of heavy soiling, a neutral and mild detergent (colorless) can be used. To ensure the tolerability of a detergent, we recommend testing the surface beforehand on an area that is not visible (\*B2). Make sure that the edges and the back of the tile are not exposed to moisture. Please take great care not to loosen the surface layers from the structure when cleaning (adjust the cleaning pressure, risk of injury). In the event of heavy soiling or of frequent cleaning cycles, it is advisable to secure the OWAacoustic tiles from lifting (e.g. with hold down clips #819 or #44). Finally, wipe with a clean, white microfibre cloth to remove excess liquid and allow the surface to dry after cleaning.

## C Dusting

**Tool:** Duster, vacuum cleaner

**Procedure:** Move the duster or vacuum cleaner over the surface, applying moderate pressure (see A).

**Please note:** The use of cleaning cloths (dry or damp) may lead to discolouration (degree of gloss, streaking, etc.). Please also look at the note under \*B2.

## D Wipe scrubbing

Increased resistance against cleaning processes (ASTM 4828 and „Gardner Test“ with min. 250 cycles).

**Tool:** Damp cloth or sponge (e.g. OWA cleaning sponge #99/06).

**Procedure:** There is increased resistance to wipe scrubbing. These products have a high level of robustness.

**Cleaning instructions:** See points B and C.

## E Disinfecting - wipe disinfection

The tiles can be disinfected with all common disinfectants. An expert report with representative disinfectants is available.

## F Disinfecting - spray disinfection

Even without additional measures, the tile actively combats bacteria, viruses and fungi. But for applications requiring additional disinfectability, you can also treat the tiles with spray disinfection. To do so, apply two spray applications (standard commercially available handheld spraying device) with e.g. 10 % ACTICIDE®-BAC-50-M solution or Meli-septol® (44 % ethanol solution) to each tile. Please feel free to request the corresponding test report from us.

## Note

If the tiles are dirty or covered with aggressive media (alkaline solutions, acids, fat/grease, etc.), it may not be possible to preserve a high-quality appearance after cleaning.

The information in this brochure is up-to-date at the time of publication. Errors and mistakes excepted. Please contact our competence team OWAconsult for specific advice. Our experts will be happy to answer your questions under the following contact details: tel: +49 9373 201-444 or e-mail: info@owaconsult.de

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