

▣ **Company:**

Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia

▣ **Industry:**

Education

▣ **Challenge:**

To provide an effective floor care cleaning program that is safe for users and the environment

▣ **Solution:**

Avmor's EcoPure EP82, EP83 & EP64

▣ **Results:**

Employees no longer complain about the toxic vapours emitted by conventional floor care products, or about any skin or eye irritations caused by such products. Since using Avmor's EcoPure Floor Care, the University received many compliments about their 'shiny' floors.



Founded in 1818, Dalhousie has been at the heart of Halifax for almost 200 years. Dalhousie is Atlantic Canada's leading research university, attracting over \$132 million in research grants and awards each year. More than any other university in the region, Dalhousie is home to 52 Canada Research Chairs and is the proud alma mater of 86 Rhodes Scholars. With three campuses, spread throughout peninsular Halifax, Dalhousie occupies more than 32 hectares (79 acres) of land. With over 16 600 students enrolled at Dalhousie, it is not surprising that a lot of outdoor allergens such as dust, dirt and mud are tracked in daily by students, faculty and visitors causing damage to the floor surfaces. As such, pollutants are known to aggravate asthma and allergic reactions, controlling exposure to these and other triggers benefits the overall health of all those who visit the university on a daily basis. For this reason, the University made a conscious decision to choose a sustainable floor care cleaning program to safeguard the health and well-being of their staff, students and visitors.

The University conducted research and testing before deciding on environmentally friendly products that met its requirements. The University not only wanted the products to be EcoLogo certified but more importantly, one of the major criteria was odour free floor care products that performed just as well if not better than its conventional counterparts. Prior to making the switch, staff would complain about eye irritations, skin rashes as well as strong odours emitted.

Cindy Murphy, Supervisor, Environmental Services at Dalhousie University was looking for a harder floor finish. Avmor representative, Marcus Costandi recommended **Avmor's EP82 UHS Floor Finish** designed with the newest in environmentally preferable polymer technology. EP82 is a premium, low odour floor finish that provides clean looking floors with superior gloss retention resulting in less frequent need for burnishing, recoating and stripping. The University also uses **Avmor's EP83 Floor Stripper** and **EP64 Multi-Use Cleaner**.

Since making the switch to Avmor's EcoPure Floor Care products, the University has been impressed with the ease of use and performance of these products, in particular Avmor's EP82 UHS Floor Finish. It is a thicker product with low odour that goes on smooth. If there are any imperfections on the floor, the product fills them in, hiding any deficiencies in the floor. Cindy Murphy notes, "We get many compliments about our 'shiny' floors. Avmor's EP82 holds the shine very well in high traffic areas." She was not only pleased with the hands-on training provided by Avmor to her staff to ensure that the floor care products are used properly and performing at their optimal level but she was also impressed with their after sales support as well.

By working together, considering their cleaning manufacturer as part of the University cleaning staff, the University was able to successfully respond to the concerns of its staff. As a result of using Avmor's environmentally friendly EcoPure Floor Care products, the students, staff and visitors no longer have to worry about being exposed to harmful gases and toxic solvents from conventional floor care products. By reducing its environmental footprint, the University is also safeguarding the health and well-being of students, staff and visitors alike, as well as building a solid foundation for future generations.

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Dalhousie University goes GREEN with Avmor's EcoPure Floor Care



Picture: Floors at Dalhousie University



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