



Floor Coatings

GENERAL MAINTENANCE FOR YOUR NEWLY INSTALLED FLOOR

Floors take the greatest abuse of any building surface; maintenance is required to protect your investment. Results are completely dependent on the regularity of cleaning.

High performance floor coatings can require up to one or two weeks to obtain their maximum degree of cure. Urethanes tend to take even longer to cure. Thus, optimum chemical and abrasion resistance properties are not necessarily present during the first few days after installation.

Dirt is an abrasive material; carried in on peoples' shoes and vehicles and it can act like sandpaper in scratching a floor finish. Recommendations to minimize the effects of dirt:

- Sweep: Regularly, with a broom or dust mop.
- Mop: Suggest a minimum of once a month - Use clean equipment and clean water and change the water often. Failure to do this will result in moving the dirt from one part of the room to another.
- Clean: All spills immediately, avoid spreading the spill. This will minimize possible dulling, staining or softening of the finish by chemicals that are more aggressive
- Repair: Scratches, gouges as soon as possible
- Prevention: Educate family members to avoid dragging or sliding heavy equipment or pallets across the floor. Avoid dropping sharp or heavy items, avoid spinning fork-truck wheels, and avoid using strong, caustic cleaning solutions or stiff bristle brushes to clean the floor.

Remember: The harsher the environment in your home or facility, the more frequently you must clean it. Dust and dirt dull the finish unless removed on a regular basis.

PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Products: 4-5 ounces of **CLEAR** ammonia per gallon of water is all that is typically required to remove most soiling. Use Simple Green (diluted with water) and a brush on heavily soiled floors, if necessary. Be careful to not get too aggressive when brushing. It could dull the clear finish.

Equipment: **Industrial:** Mechanized with a soft nylon bristle brush. Prior to using brooms, scrub brushes, scouring pads or any other cleaning utensils on the finished floor, conduct a test on a product sample to be sure surface damage/scratches will not result from its use.

Residential: Hand clean with soft cotton string mop. Soft nylon push broom or dust mop can be used on a daily basis. We recommend using a foam blade squeegee for removing water when cleaning. **DO NOT USE A POWERWASHER (this will dull the topcoat and void any warranty)**