



## STANDARD CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

### General Cleaning

- Sweep or dust mop daily for high traffic areas and weekly for low traffic areas. Remove rugs and sweep beneath furniture to remove as much grit as possible. (It is important to remove abrasives that can scratch or wear the surface as people or things are moving across the surfaces.)
- Use a neutral non-alkaline, non-acidic floor cleaner or a cleaner specifically formulated to clean epoxy floors. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for cleaner dilution in water. More cleaning solution is not always better.

**NOTE: It is advisable to use materials that are neutral with a pH factor between 7 and 10. We recommend that you avoid all-purpose cleaners or soaps containing water soluble, inorganic or crystallizing salts, harmful high alkali or acid ingredients. Many sweeping compounds contain oils, which may be a fire hazard or cause slippery surfaces. Other sweeping compounds may contain sand which is hard to sweep, and can abrade the floor surface as well as dull the surface.**

- Allow cleaning solution to dwell on the surface for about 5 minutes. Mop up the cleaning solution with clear water before the solution dries.

**NOTE: Prior to maintaining and cleaning your epoxy floor coating for the first time, we recommend that you test the cleaning solution in a small area on your garage, commercial, basement or exterior floor to determine its ability to clean and not leave a film on the surface of the floor coating. Your cleaning solution should not gum up your mop when cleaning your floor. You can then remove the cleaning solution with a foam squeegee or mop and rinse with ample clean water. It is important to keep the floor wet during this entire cleaning process so the dirt does not dry up on the floor. Your tap water may cause a foggy effect on the cleaned surface because of the soluble salts it contains. Additionally, the quality of the water may change from different geographic locations, and therefore, the same cleaning product may not work the same.**

- Mop the floor as needed or at least weekly. High traffic areas may need to be mopped more frequently depending on spills or soil buildup.
- We recommend that you use a good Micro Fiber mop to clean the surface. Regular mop heads tend to leave streaks on the surface. Micro Fiber mop heads make it easier to eliminate streaks on the surface.
- Dry the floor with a dry Micro Fiber mop or large towel. Drying the floor prevents streaks and dust lines on the surface of the epoxy.
- You can also use a soft pad that is used for applying wax finishes. Do not use abrasive pads.

**NOTE: Using Blue or more aggressive pads will reduce gloss or prematurely wear the surface.**

## General Maintenance (extending the life expectancy)

- Ensure that chair legs or shelving legs have rubber caps on them before using. The metal ends can cut/wear into the floor over a period of time.
- When moving heavy furniture or shelving, ensure that you do not drag them across the floor. Hard sharp ends will scratch or gouge the floor surface.
- Clean up spills as soon as possible. The epoxy floor coating has excellent chemical resistance but spills allowed to dwell on the surface will start degrading the surface.

## How to Maintain and Clean Epoxy Floor Coatings

EpoxyMaster epoxy floor coating systems are tough and non-absorptive; however, harsh cleaners may damage its surface.

## Do's and Don'ts for Maintaining and Cleaning your Epoxy Floor Coating

**DO** test all cleaning products in a small test area before cleaning the entire floor.

**DO** dust mop your high traffic floors daily, this not only picks up the dust, but also the grit tracked onto the floor. The grit acts as an abrasive on your hard surface floor and will eventually dull the surface.

**DO** mop your new epoxy floor a minimum of once a week for the initial two to three months in order to limit dust which may adhere to the surface. After this period, a weekly mopping is advised, depending on the amount of foot and automobile traffic. Always rinse your floors well to prevent a build-up of cleaner residue that could become slippery.

**DO** allow your cleaner time to react as designed to loosen foreign matter. Several minutes should be adequate, but **DO NOT** allow the cleaning solution to dry on the surface.

**DON'T** use surface waxes or sealers. The use of such products can result in slippery surfaces.

**DON'T** use cleaners containing water soluble, inorganic or crystallizing salts, harmful alkali or acids. Use of such products could prove harmful to your epoxy floor.

**DON'T** try miracle cleaners on your floor without performing a small surface test first.

**DON'T** mix cleaners and always follow manufacturer instructions.



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