



## GENERAL CARE & GUIDELINES FOR EPOXY FLOORS

**Columbus Epoxy Flooring** For most flooring solutions, regular maintenance can be provided on a daily or weekly basis by the end-user.

### **Please see below for daily & weekly maintenance instructions:**

Floors take more abuse than any other building surface. It is important to maintain regular maintenance to properly protect your investment. Results are dependent on the establishment of a sound program carried out by trained and conscientious employees.

High performance floor coatings can require anywhere from 1-7 days to obtain a full cure. Thus, optimum chemical and abrasion resistance properties are not necessarily present during the first few days after installation. Use extra caution during this break-in period.

Dirt is an abrasive material that is carried onto the floor by people shoes and equipment and can act like sandpaper scratching the floor and harming the finish. The following care is recommended to minimize the effects of dirt and other miscellaneous grime.

- Sweep:** Each day, with a broom or power sweeper.
- Scrub:** A minimum of once a week.  
(Use clean equipment and clean water and change the water often. Failure to this means the dirt is only moved from one part of the room to another.)
- Clean:** Scratches and gouges as soon as possible.
- Prevent:** Train employees to avoid dragging or sliding heavy equipment or pallets across the floor. Avoid dropping sharp or heavy objects on the floor. Have forklifts adjusted to avoid spinning tires or wheels and if possible replace forklift tires with non-marking tires to avoid marks in the floor. Avoid using strong, caustic cleaning solutions or stiff brittle brushes to clean the floor.
- Tires:** High performance tire manufacturers often add chemicals to their tires. This is often referred to as 6PPD. Over prolonged periods of time they can stain any surface. For cars that sit for prolonged periods of time, it's best to park each tire over a small scrap of cardboard, carpet, or any other material that you can discard. The prevalence of staining and the definition of a prolonged period are dependent on the chemical makeup of the manufacturer and will vary.

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**Remember:** The harsher the environment of your facility, the more frequently you will have to clean it. Dust and dirt dull the finish unless removed on a regular basis.

**Chemical Spills:** You should always rinse strong chemicals as quickly as possible completely from the surface. Chemicals allowed to dry on the surface typically become more concentrated as they dry. That may cause the chemical to get concentrated enough to stain or even attack the seamless floor or seamless floor coating.

**Cleaners:** Be sure to test any cleaner that you haven't used on your epoxy floor before over a small sample area. (Cleaners labeled as neutral are normally your best bet)