

DAILY MAINTENANCE.

As a daily maintenance regime, Illawarra Coatings recommends the following;

- ✚ Sweep the floors daily.
- ✚ If abrasive particles are present they should be removed by mopping with common household detergents and rinsed completely. Be sure not to use the detergent at a concentration higher than that recommended by the manufacturer of the floor cleaning material. Be sure to test any cleaner that you haven't used before on a sample of the Seamless Flooring Material or Seamless Floor coating. You may want to be sure to prepare these samples as you are installing the floor so they will be available to you at a later time.
- ✚ Promptly remove grease, and other contaminants from the surface of the floor.
- ✚ Be sure to rinse off all chemical solutions that may attack the surface.

WEEKLY MAINTENANCE.

SMOOTH SYSTEMS.

On a weekly basis, or more regularly if required, Illawarra Coatings recommends that;

- ✚ All floor coatings should be mopped on a regular bases with a neutral soap or detergent, and completely rinsed. Be sure not to use the detergent at a concentration higher than that recommended by the

manufacturer of the floor cleaning material.

- ✚ Ensure that any cleaner that is to be used has been tested before use on a sample of the coatings.
- ✚ He mop should be rinsed often. Synthetic mops tend to work better then cotton mops. The water should be changed frequently. Areas subject to heavy traffic, hard rubber wheels, and steel wheels that leave marks may require additional attention. In these situations use the methods for textured floors for these more difficult to remove contamination.

TEXTURED SYSTEMS.

Textured systems may require the use of a stiff bristled brush or floor scrubber to reach to bottom of the anti-skid texture. Severe problem areas can be treated as follows:

GREASE REMOVAL

Grease is typically removed by Tri-sodium phosphate (TSP) or other commonly available biodegradable cleaner.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Dairy products should be removed immediately as they may cause staining on some types of seamless flooring and seamless floor coating systems.

TYRE MARKS

Scrub the area(s) with a stiff bristled brush and using the same biodegradable floor cleaner that you are using to mop with.

STUBBORN DIRT OR STAIN REMOVAL

When you are trying to remove stubborn dirt or stains, allow the biodegradable cleaner to set in the area for a little while longer and do the work for you. Then completely rinse to area to remove the cleaner and the dirt.

CHEMICAL SPILLS

The chemical resistance of a coating system depends on the concentration of the chemical that it is exposed to as well as the chemistry of the coating itself. Chemicals should always be rinsed from the surface as soon as possible. As the chemical dries on the surface they typically become more concentrated. This may cause the chemical concentration to increase to a point where stain or even attack of the coating may occur.

RENEWING AND REFINISHING.

Illawarra Coating's epoxy and polyurethane coatings are designed to withstand heavy traffic and wear. However, over time, sufficient traffic and/or abuse can cause the system to lose its shine, or show visible signs of wear. Should this occur, you may wish to restore the floor by renewing or refinishing. Before renewing or refinishing a floor or wall coating system you need to do the following:

- ✚ Remove all wax, oil, grease and other contaminants from the surface.
- ✚ Lightly sand the surface to break the shine to allow for adequate intercoat adhesion.

If the substrate is showing signs of deterioration, our publication "Surface Preparation" should be consulted.