



## 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 broom or dust mop.
- Mop: A minimum 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 pallet 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 will have to 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.

**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.

**DO NOT USE** any cleaner that contains acids (citrus cleaners, vinegar, etc.) or soap based cleaners. Soap based cleaners leave a residue on the floor that not only detracts from the shine, but also become increasingly slippery should the floor get wet. Before walking on the floor for the first time, be sure to test it by feeling it with your finger in an inconspicuous location. Under normal circumstances (weather dependent), the floor will return to service in 24 hours.

**SLIP AND FALL PRECAUTION:** EncoreGarage or its agents will not be responsible for injury incurred in a slip and fall situation. It is the end users responsibility to provide for their own safety and to determine the suitability of these coatings for their particular application.