

## GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Westcoat products encompass a wide range of coating systems with many different finishes. This general maintenance information is to help give you a basic understanding of how to care for and maintain your coating system. With proper care and maintenance, you will maximize the life of your coating. This information is a basic guideline only. Actual recommendations should come from the Westcoat Qualified Contractor Applicator (QCA) that installed the job. Inspections by the applicator should occur after 1 year and then about every two years, depending on exposure to the sun, traffic and performance requirements.

## **Exterior Surfaces:**

- Establish a routine maintenance schedule for your decorative coating, using a mild soap and water mixture. A neutral pH cleaner may be used if needed. Test all cleaning agents in an unnoticeable area to ensure compatibility.
- For tougher stains, a mild degreaser may be used to loosen up oil, dirt and grease. Use in combination with a brush or broom, being sure to completely rinse any residue.
- A low psi pressure washer (do not exceed 1000 psi) and/or a soft bristle, floor scrubber brush on a floor buffer may be used for better cleaning.
- To remove water stains such as calcium or lime build up, try brushing 100 grain vinegar, diluted with water, over the surface. Be sure to completely rinse any residue thoroughly with water. Avoid using vinegar and other cleaners in direct sunlight, as direct sun may evaporate liquid cleaners, leaving a film or residue behind.
- For more aggressive cleaning, contact the applicator that installed the surface.
- Maintenance will vary based on texture, sealer & performance requirements. Consult original installer for details.
- Outdoor Carpet or other matting materials are not recommended, as they may trap moisture and may damage the topcoat or sealer.
- Potted plants and/or planter boxes should be elevated off the surface and moved monthly to allow the coating to dry properly. Planter drainage may cause staining due to fertilizers and growing mediums. Drip pans or saucers should be utilized.
- Outdoor furniture should have coasters or pads to prevent indentations and damage to the coating. If barbecues are to be used, it is recommended to place a protective pan down, to prevent damage from hot grease or coals.
- Tape and other adhesives should not be applied to finished floors, as this may cause damage to the surface.
- After 2-5 years, a "Reseal" (pressure washed and reapplication of Westcoat Topcoat) may be required.
- Existing sealer or coating should be lightly abraded before reapplication of topcoat or sealer.
- Please contact your installer or Westcoat for specific recommendations and refinishing techniques.

## **Interior Surfaces:**

- For general cleaning, sweep, dust mop, microfiber daily or clean by mopping using a neutral pH floor cleaner that would be typical for no wax floors. Test all cleaning agents in a unnoticeable area to ensure compatibility.
- For tougher dirt or grease, a mild degreaser can be used to loosen up oil, dirt and grease. Use in combination with a brush or broom, being sure to completely rinse any residue. Use a soft bristle to avoid scratching.
- For more aggressive cleaning, contact the applicator that installed the surface.
- Depending on the original gloss level, interior surfaces will develop scratches over time. An application of urethane floor finish or wax will bring new luster to floors that have dulled or become scratched. You may wax or burnish in a similar manner as any hard surface flooring.
- Furniture should have coasters or pads to prevent indentations and damage to the coating or topcoat.
- After 2-5 years, the floor may require reapplication of the original topcoat. Contact the installer or Westcoat for complete re-coating instructions.
- For interior areas where there is proper drainage (mostly industrial applications,) the surface can be pressure washed. Do not exceed 1000 psi.
- For industrial epoxy flooring with heavier abuse such as commercial kitchens, garage floors or warehouses, a maintenance program should be specified by the installer. This should include inspections, repair and maintenance cycle.
- Tape and other adhesives should not be applied to finished floors, as this may cause damage to the surface.
- \* For more specific Westcoat product maintenance, you may reference specification sheets on website.

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