

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

## INTERIOR COATINGS

Westcoat interior coating systems (including systems such as Thin Film, Grind and Seal, Dubro Quartz, etc.) offer durable, high-performance, long lasting surfaces that are designed to provide years of service against normal wear and usage. Seamless flooring allows for greater ease of cleaning, compared to traditional resilient flooring, due to the absence of cracks, seams, and crevices that can trap dirt and contaminants. To extend the service life of your Westcoat system, it is recommended to implement a routine cleaning regimen and have periodic inspections. This information is a basic guideline only.

## **Routine Cleaning**

All coating systems require maintenance and upkeep to ensure continued performance and to maximize the life of the system. Maintenance methods may vary depending on the system, texture, topcoat or sealer, environment conditions, slope, drainage, volume and type of traffic, and use of space.

Ensure that the coating surface is free from debris, such as sand, gravel, metals, or other abrasives that can result in premature wear of the topcoat or sealer. Grease, oils, and other contaminants should be removed promptly to maintain the surface. Establish a routine maintenance schedule for all flooring systems. Be sure to test all cleaning agents in an unnoticeable area to ensure compatibility. Refer to the manufacturer's instructions and dilution rates for all cleaning agents. Routine cleaning can be achieved by using a mild cleaning solution, such as "Simple Green", neutral pH detergent, or soap. Be sure to use clean mops and change out cleaning solution regularly. Utilize a brush, broom, or mechanical scrubber to help agitate and loosen up dirt and debris, especially on textured floors. Ensure that the surface is rinsed with clean water thoroughly. Do not allow cleaning agents to dry on the surface. Buildup of residue or other foreign elements can make cleaning more difficult and can also negatively affect the slip-resistance of the surface.

Floor auto-scrubbing machines can be used for larger areas. Avoid using abrasive pads or brushes and use long, soft brushes. Do not allow buildup of residue or other foreign materials, as this can result in a surface that is slippery when wet. Do not use metal-based or coarse brushes, as they may damage the surface.

#### **Wax and Floor Finishes**

Westcoat interior coating systems do not typically require a wax or a floor finish material. That said, in some cases where heavy traffic is present or where you may desire to enhance the finish, a standard, commercial floor finish that is intended for use with resinous materials can be applied. Prior to application, ensure that the surface is clean and free from any debris or wax. Apply and





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maintain wax or floor finish per the manufacturer 's guidelines. Wax or floor finishes will need to be completely removed prior to reseal application.

### **Maintenance and Inspections**

All interior coating systems should be periodically inspected and regularly maintained by a Westcoat Qualified Contractor Applicator (QCA). Inspections are required one year after installation and every two years thereafter by a factory authorized representative. After 3-5 years, a "reseal" (thorough cleaning and reapplication of Westcoat topcoat/sealer) may be required. Existing sealer or coating should be abraded and wiped with solvent before application of topcoat or sealer. Some topcoats and sealers may require additional preparation prior to recoating. Should damage occur, be sure to contact the original Westcoat applicator to inspect and repair the coating system immediately.

#### **Best Practices**

- Do not expose the coating surface to traffic, moisture, or chemical agents until system is fully cured.
- Immediately clean up and rinse off any chemical solutions that may stain or damage the surface.
- Do not subject the floor coating system to chemicals that it is not compatible or resistant to.
- Avoid dragging metal, concrete, pallets, or other types of objects with sharp edges across the floor.
- Rolling loads with steel casters can potentially damage the surface and should be avoided.
- Avoid ponding or standing water by ensuring that positive drainage is present before applying the floor coating system.
- Water should not be allowed to enter the flooring system through penetrations, joints, or edges.
- Furniture should have protective coasters or pads to prevent from indentations or damage.
- Tape and other adhesives should not be applied to finished floors as, this may damage the surface.

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