

# **EPOXY FLOORS**

## An Easy Maintenance Guide

Thank you for choosing us for your garage enhancement project!
Your flooring is complete. Please avoid foot traffic for 2 full days and vehicles/heavy items for 3 full days. Epoxy floors are durable, resilient, and ideal for garages, basements, and high-traffic areas. They maintain a high luster even with heavy objects in use. For best results, follow our basic maintenance guidelines to keep your floor looking great.

### **ENJOY YOUR NEW FLOOR!**

## How to care for your epoxy floors:

Keep the surfaces dirt and grit free.

Routine maintenance cleaning is best achieved with either a soft bristle broom or a commercial dust mop especially if you are moving vehicles on and off the floor. Dirt and grit will embed or scratch an epoxy floor if allowed to remain there. It's a good idea if you remove all sand or dirt on a regular basis because even though Epoxy floors are tough they can start to show the damage from multiple scratches over time. Best way to do that is to use a shop vacuum with a soft brush attachment. How often you vacuum depends on how much dirt and grit are tracked onto the floor.

Avoid using soap-based cleaners.

Soap-based floor cleaners leave a haze on the epoxy flooring that builds up over time. Epoxy floors do not need soap, warm water, and a good mop or deck-scrubbing brush should be just fine. If you need extra scrubbing power use something like soft soap to aid you with the tougher spills.

Spot Cleaning.

Often you only need to vacuum or sweep a small area of the floor where something has been spilled or tracked in. The liquid that has been spilled needs to be vacuumed up along with any dirt and grime with a shop vac and then clean the area with a mop and warm water. Epoxy floors are highly water resistant and very easy to clean when liquid spills occur.



## Heavily soiled epoxy floors.

The best way to clean up a dirty epoxy floor is as follows: Sweep and vacuum the entire area carefully. Remove all items in the way to get to the floor. Once you have removed all the surface dirt, grime, and grit, use a hard foam mop and warm/hot water to get rid of all the built-up dirt. After that, you can use Crystal Simple Green. You can also use a squeegee to push the water out of the garage. Use full strength or mix with water per dilution chart on the product label. Always spot test on a hidden area first.



Apply to soiled surfaces, allowing time to penetrate dirt, grease or oil. Rinse with water at the highest available pressure. Deep stains may require a second application with scrubbing. Do not allow the product to dry on surface. Alternatively you can use clear ammonia/water mix (at 2-3 ounces ammonia per gallon of hot water) **DO NOT USE LEMON AMMONIA** as it will etch the clearcoat.



#### Stains.

Some stains, such as rust, need to be lightly scrubbed with a kitchen scrubbing sponge or a soft deck brush and warm water. Avoid using steel wool or harsh chemicals like Comet ,as they are too abrasive. Use soft-scrub and a moderately abrasive scrubbing pad or brush. Do not ever use any cleaning compounds with citrus acid in them. Citrus cleaners and vinegar will break down the epoxy catalyst and must be avoided.



## Oil, car chemicals and other chemicals.

Wipe up antifreeze, oil and other car-related chemicals with shop towels or a paper towel and dispose of properly. The important thing about car spills is to not allow them to sit on the floor surface for too long. Even engine oil has chemicals that could be potentially hazardous to an epoxy floor. Clean up spilled gas immediately, because it can damage the surface of an epoxy floor if allowed to sit for too long. Paint, household cleaners and other abrasive liquids need to be cleaned up immediately. To clean, wipe them up with shop towels as soon as the spill occurs.



Thank you for letting us help transform your garage! Enjoy!

