

DIY Epoxy Solutions – Managing Maintenance

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One of the greatest benefits of epoxy floor coatings is their easy maintenance. With regular care and the use of appropriate cleaners, epoxy floors can last a lifetime. To ensure longevity of an epoxy floor coating, follow these floor care guidelines:

Sweep your floor daily.

It is important to keep your floor clear of dirt and debris. If dirt is left on the surface of the floor for long periods of time, it can become embedded in the epoxy. To prevent this, regularly sweep your floor. If you are prone to neglecting your chores, you may want to choose an epoxy system that uses decorative flakes. These can mask imperfections and hide dirt.

Wipe up spills immediately.

Most epoxy floor coatings are formulated to be chemically resistant. However, if you leave harsh substances such as automotive fluids on the surface for

too long, stains may form. To avoid a stained floor, wipe spills up as soon as possible with a dry or damp cloth. If you tend to leave spills unattended, consider choosing a darker colored epoxy.

Wash/mop weekly.

Wash or mop your epoxy floor on a weekly basis to maintain its aesthetic charm. Use a neutral, all-purpose cleaner and water. Using acidic cleaners can damage the epoxy. Soap-based cleaners leave a milky looking film that is very hard to remove. There are many cleaning products specially formulated for epoxy floors. If you are worried about choosing the wrong product, contact the company you purchased the epoxy material from for a recommendation.

Use mats or pads.

As with any floor, epoxy floors are not immune to scrapes and other damages. If your floor is exposed to sharp objects such as motorcycle kickstands or jacks, consider laying a mat or pad underneath to prevent scratches. You may even want to place pads under car tires as some tire treatments can mar the epoxy.

Epoxy floors are durable and easy to maintain. If you are ever unsure of how to maintain your floor

properly, consult the instructions or contact the company from which you purchased the material. However, most epoxies follow similar maintenance trends. If you follow these simple guidelines, your epoxy floor will keep looking great and last for a lifetime.