

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE OF INDUSTRIAL FLOORING

INTRODUCTION

- Having the correct cleaning and maintenance programme in place will ensure that your new Tremco industrial flooring product will retain its appearance and help extend the working life to provide you with total satisfaction.
- tremco illbruck have designed this guide to provide you with the correct cleaning products and methods.

TYPICAL CLEANING PROGRAMME

A typical cleaning programme consists of four key elements:

CURING TIME

A period of 7 days should be allowed after application of the finish, before any wet cleaning process is carried out. During the curing period, which will be dependent on site conditions and ambient temperatures, surfaces should be suction cleaned or lightly swept, ideally with a vacuumized sweeper system for best results.

INITIAL CLEAN

This will be carried out as close as possible after installation and correct curing time, or on new-build projects, as close as possible to the hand over date. The initial clean prepares the surface for immediate use and 'sets the standard' for all future maintenance procedures. Wherever possible the ideal equipment and cleaning chemical should be demonstrated to show the expected results, using the correct equipment that will be required to carry out all routine and periodic maintenance throughout the life of the floor.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

The extent and frequency of all routine maintenance will be dependent of certain factors - the type and level of activity within the area; the desired standard; the type of debris, dust and soiling held on the surface. The correct cleaning and maintenance products required in maintaining the set standards can then be carried out effectively.

PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

This will be necessary, from time to time, in order to restore the surface of the floor to its original state or to the set standard, condition and appearance following the initial clean. It is acceptable to point out that a daily/weekly routine maintenance schedule can completely remove the need for any periodic maintenance, which can be expensive and labour intensive particularly on anti slip floor finishes.

Each procedure requires appropriate cleaning equipment for each task, together with consideration to the type of machine, based on the size of area to be cleaned and the type and level of soiling expected.

Equipment

- The equipment used for the after care and maintenance should be selected based on the size, area and available budget for any given application. Consideration of the equipment ideally should be made during the pre-application stage, to highlight the importance of how the cleaning & maintenance of any industrial floor finish immediately after installation will be to the overall life expectancy and appearance of the surface.
- The recommended floor cleaning equipment and cleaning chemical has been considered based on the environmental demands typically found within applications where the Tremco industrial flooring systems are installed. The equipment and cleaning chemicals are all designed to remove all typical soiling such as grease and oils stains, food materials, general dirt, etc.

Typical examples include:

- Sweeping: This is an integral part of all cleaning procedures. Surface dirt, loose debris and dust are unsightly and can be very abrasive to the floor surface. They must be removed effectively and regularly using suitable vacuumized sweeping equipment. The frequency of cleaning will depend on the accumulation of dust and debris; ideally the total deck surface should be swept daily to reduce dust levels. Wherever possible the

recommended electric battery/LPG petrol or diesel powered sweeping machines should be considered to achieve the desired results cost effective.

Cleaning Materials

Use an alkaline low foaming detergent, doing a small test patch first to check compatibility. Ensure the detergent is mixed with water using the dilution rates below before cleaning:

Dilution Rates (per full tank):

- Mopping: 10% mix with water
- Initial Clean & Periodic: 5% mix with water
- Routine Maintenance: 3% mix with water

NOTE: Any warranty provided by Tremco illbruck or the installer may be void if the detergent solution is at a concentration greater than 10% in water or when the detergent solution is outside the acceptable ph tolerance of ph 6 to 11..

Health & Safety Precautions

Safety data sheets must be read and understood before use.

Technical Service

tremco illbruck has a team of experienced Technical Sales Representatives who provide assistance in the selection and specification of products. For more detailed information, service and advice, please call Customer Services on 01942 251400.

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