



## GRIND & SEAL CONCRETE FLOORS CARE INSTRUCTIONS

**Your new polished concrete floor is durable and stain resilient, however your floor will still need some basic care and a few safety measures put in place to keep your floors looking their best!**

### CLEANING

The floor should be frequently swept with a dry micro-fibre mop or soft bristle broom to remove any dust and grit particles. If you prefer to use a vacuum, we recommend only using a micro-fibre head attachment that doesn't have caster wheels. Be cautious of grit or stone on your floor as this can act like sandpaper and may cause damage to your floors.

Your floor can be mopped with luke-warm water only or if you prefer you can use a pH neutral cleaner as this will help to remove build-up of grime or dirt. Any pH neutral cleaner can be used. Please use a gentle mop, such as a micro-fibre head to mop floors. (Please be careful as wet floors may be slippery).

Although your polished concrete floor is sealed and stain resistant, acidic liquids such as vinegar, orange juice, lemon or coca cola, should be cleaned up quickly as this can cause the topical coating to deteriorate.

### PRECAUTIONS

After your floors have been sealed we recommend no foot traffic for a minimum of 24 hours and no vehicle traffic for 7 days - a period of at least 72 hours is desired for the optimal hardness to be achieved, without any heavy traffic or moving furniture onto your floor. Please note some coatings may require up to 14 days to cure depending on weather conditions. Please contact our friendly office team if you are unsure on correct curing times. We also recommend no water/liquids on the floor for a minimum of 72 hours after the final coat has been applied.

Please wait the appropriate curing time for your sealer before applying protection to your finished floor. We recommend using a breathable product such as Ramboard or Geo-Fabric and install as per manufacturer specifications. Using non-breathable protection like plastic is not recommended as it

can create a moisture lock or sweat which would result in a milky appearance in your coating and cause the coating to delaminate. Please do not apply any adhesives (e.g. tape, glue) to your floor. If your slab is less than 28 days old, please consult with our office team prior to applying any protection.

To minimise the amount of dirt and grit that is tracked from outside onto your floors, it is a best to place doormats at the entrances. Although your floor has been treated with surface sealers, this provision will reduce the possibility of scratches and abrasion.

Do not drag furniture on the floors, this may scratch and damage your floor. We strongly recommend placing protective felt pads on the bottom of furniture legs. If you have any office chairs with wheels, please use a breathable mat underneath. Please be aware that scratching and scuffing to the top coating may occur from pets' claws.

Cooking often includes the use of acidic ingredients e.g. citrus, bicarbonate soda, vinegar, etc. Please be aware that acidic materials will deteriorate and etch the floor's surface. Provided the floor is cleaned regularly and any spills are cleaned up quickly, they should not cause any damage.

Please do not use abrasive, acidic or harsh cleaning agents on your floor. Cleaning or scrubbing the floor surface with such agents may cause damage. (This can include use of eco-friendly/natural products)

Do not polish the floor with any wax cleaners or buffers. Unfortunately, the use of steam-mops is not recommended.

We recommend that you avoid direct heat from free standing heaters on to your floors.

### MAINTENANCE

To keep your floor looking its best, OzGrind would recommend a "sand and re-seal" every 5-7 years, provided that the floor has been properly cared for. This will ensure your floor remains stain resilient and retains its shine.

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# SLIP RISK WARNING



**WARNING** - during the curing process of your floor directly after installation you must remain off the surface until fully cured as it may pose a slip risk. Curing times vary depending on the product applied so please refer to the relevant care instructions on the prior page.

**WARNING** - When we hand over a completed compliant floor. Floors may still be slippery when wet and there is slipping risk so please adequately warn the property owner and any pedestrians.

**WARNING** - OzGrind will perform a slip test to AS 4586 : 2013 for new surfaces for residential buildings that have stairs, steps, landings, ramps or common areas like shared driveways and for all commercial projects/public spaces. Slip tests are only valid at the time of the test. Slip resistance can change quickly depending on use. It is the premises owner, occupiers or builder's responsibility to get a slip test for existing surfaces to AS 4663 : 2013 prior to handing over the floor to the end user. It is up to the premises owner to have ongoing slip testing, as required.

**WARNING** - Please be aware that over time floors can become slippery and will need have ongoing slip testing and monitoring to ensure floors remain compliant with relevant Australian Standards and building codes. It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure floors are maintained. Please pass on these care instructions and warning to the end user. .

**WARNING** - Certain cleaning products can negatively impact the slip resistance of a floor at a faster rate. We recommend that you use specialised cleaning products in order to prolong the non-slip expectancy of your surfaces.