



MECHANICALLY POLISHED 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

Initially after your floors have been sealed, you may experience your floors looking and feeling dirty or dusty. This is since the excess penetrating sealer will naturally rise to the top of your slab, and this results in an oily residue remaining on the surface of your floor which dirt and dust can become trapped in, and warm water alone will not suffice in removing this. Therefore we recommend that for the first 10 to 15 times that you wash your floors, you use a pH neutral cleaner to effectively remove this residue.

After these preliminary washes, floors can be mopped with water only or if you prefer you can continue to use any pH neutral cleaner. Please use a gentle mop, such as micro-fibre head, and mop floors lightly with luke-warm water. Make sure to change your water often (so not to use dirty water) and frequent changing of the mop head is also recommended. It is very important not to leave puddles of water/ liquids for any length of time, it is better for the floor to dry quickly. (Please be careful as any wet floors may be slippery). The floor should also be frequently swept over with a dry micro fibre mop or soft bristle broom, to remove any dust and grit particles. (Sand and grit particles can act like sandpaper and may cause damage to your floors).

Liquid spills must be cleaned up quickly. Although your polished concrete floor is stain resilient, it is a good idea to clean up spills as soon as possible, particularly liquids like wine, coffee, orange juice, soft drinks, vinegar, and anything else that may be acidic.

PRECAUTIONS

Mechanically polished concrete can be walked on within 24 hours of completion, however it should not be introduced to water within 72 hours.

Do not cover your floor with a non-breathable protection like plastic. This can create a moisture lock or sweat that can cause discolouration of the concrete. Also, please do not apply any adhesives (i.e. tape, glue) to your floor.

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.

Cooking often includes the use of acidic ingredients, e.g. citrus, soft drinks, vinegar, etc. Please be aware that acidic materials will eat away at the floor's surface, but as long as 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 polished concrete. Cleaning or scrubbing the floor surface with such agents may cause damage.

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

OzGrind recommend placing protective felt pads on the bottom of furniture legs. If you have any office chairs with wheels, we recommend using a breathable mat underneath.

MAINTENANCE

Your floor may benefit from a burnish now and then, to keep your floors looking their best.

In order to keep your floor looking great OzGrind would recommend a light repolish and re-applying the protective sealer, approximately every 10 years. 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.