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After Care Instructions

**Professionally installed garage floor systems use a heavy-duty industrial grade sealer.

**These coatings are virtually impervious to automotive fluids, household chemicals, UV damage from the sun and from abrasion. You can easily wipe up spills with a paper towel or an old rag. If there is any oily residue left, you can remove it easily with a liquid dish washing detergent like Dawn or Palmolive, a little water and a sponge.

**Tips, techniques and suggestions for keeping your epoxy garage floor looking like new are listed below

**Your Flooring System was been sealed with a high quality clear sealer and will be very easy to keep clean. The sealer penetrates into the epoxy, chips and concrete giving it a non-porous surface which is easy to clean with a broom, mop or your garden hose.

** Allow to cure overnight for foot traffic and 3 days (72 Hrs) for vehicle traffic depending upon temperatures.

**Should you want more technical information regarding your project, feel free to visit

<http://apfepoxy.com/colorchipflooring.asp> .

Thank you

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Your Garage Floor

Homeowners greatly appreciate the look of their epoxy floor and consider it a valued addition to their home rather than having a dirty, cracked and gray floor to come home to each day.

Realtors regularly mention "epoxy garage floor" in their listings right alongside of the number of bedrooms and bathrooms. An epoxy floor adds appeal and value to the equity in your home.

Maintaining the "like-new" look of your garage floor for many years is probably less difficult than vacuuming your carpets in your home.

How durable is an Garage floor?

Quality Epoxy Primer, Decorative chips and PolyAspartic sealer materials

Professional grade systems, as you are receiving, utilize a two-part epoxy resin which has 95% - 100% solids. This type of product produces a much thicker, deeper penetrating and more durable coating. Professional installers also broadcast 25-50 pounds of 1/4" decorative chips over a typical 2 car garage floor. (The homeowner kits usually only contain 2-3 pounds of 1/16" chips.) This heavy coating of chips hides imperfections in the floor, provides an even granite-like look, makes any necessary future floor repairs easy AND gives the floor additional non-slip traction.

On top of the epoxy and decorative chips, professional installers apply a tough UV-resistant urethane or polyurea/Polyaspartic clear sealer coating. This top coating further enhances the durability of the floor and produces a high gloss finish which is extremely easy to keep clean. Using a high quality sealer over the epoxy and chips is one of the most important things to do to ensure maximum durability and beauty for your floor.

Chemical resistance

Motor oil

Gasoline

Transmission fluid

Brake fluid

Anti-freeze

10% HCL (*battery acid*)

Degreaser

Liquid Plumber

Ammonia

Vinegar

Clorox

Windex

Acetone

Xylene (*a very strong solvent*)

What WILL damage your Garage floor

Don't use this if you want to protect your investment

Don't use any cleaning products on your epoxy garage floor that contain the solvent Methylene Chloride. (Read the label.) Products that contain this extremely strong solvent are normally epoxy or urethane strippers. Methylene Chloride **will** damage your garage floor. Very, very few products contain this solvent. Normally you have to go out of your way to find them. Methylene Chloride is **not** an ingredient of standard cleaning products designed for household use.

Oil, automobile fluids and chemical stains

Since your epoxy floor has a Polyaspartic clear sealer on it, you can clean up spills and drips from the car by just wiping them off with a paper towel or rag. If the spot was particularly oily, use a brush and some water with a little Dawn or Palmolive dish washing detergent and rinse it off. That will remove any oily residue.

Dirt, leaves etc.

The sealed non-porous surface leaves little for dirt to stick to. Just sweep it down with a broom, mop it or wash it off with your garden hose. You will be surprised at how much easier and faster it is to clean than the old bare concrete surface. If a puddle of dirty water dried on the floor, you may need to brush it with a little Dawn, Palmolive or any liquid dish washing detergent and water and then rinse. You may also pressure wash your epoxy system lightly as well.

White hard water stains

These whitish stains can usually be removed with common household white vinegar. (It costs about \$3/gallon at your local grocery store.) Apply the vinegar and give it several minutes to work. Brushing with a stiff brush will help the vinegar work better and faster. If the vinegar doesn't remove the stain, use a diluted Calcium/Lime/Rust remover product. You can find several different brands at your grocery or hardware store, usually in the cleaning products section. (One brand is "CLR".) Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Rinse the cleaners off thoroughly with water and allow the surface to dry before inspecting the result. Vinegar or these CLR removal products will not hurt your sealed epoxy floor.

Household chemical spills

Don't panic!!!

Virtually no household chemical or automotive fluid will harm a properly sealed epoxy floor. Clorox, Windex, battery acid, Drano, gasoline, oil, radiator fluid, brake fluid, ammonia or just about anything else won't hurt it. Just wipe up the spill with a rag or paper towel. The surface will not be harmed.

Black tire marks

Your epoxy garage floor may eventually acquire a few black tire marks. These are also easy to clean. Using a stiff bristle brush, scrub the marks with a 5 or 10 to 1 solution of Simple Green or other citrus cleaner with a stiff brush and rinse. The marks should come out quickly and easily. There will be no hot tire pick up with these products.

Slip-resistance vs. cleanability

A 100% broadcast of 1/4" or larger decorative chips will normally provide an adequate slip-resistant surface. Additives can be incorporated in the sealer to create a more sandpaper-like texture which will enhance wet traction. However, the additional texture will make the surface somewhat harder to clean. It is a trade-off.

What to avoid

Do not use any cleaner or paint stripper that contains Methylene Chloride (read the label). This is a very harsh solvent that is used almost exclusively in products designed specifically to remove epoxies and urethanes. This chemical **will** harm your floor. It is not something that you would normally think to use to clean your floor or even have in your home. This is about the only chemical that will damage a properly sealed epoxy floor.

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Heather McCall
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CITY, STATE, ZIP OF PROJECT

DATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SIGNED