



## Maintenance Procedures for Stained Concrete

Cleaning your colorful concrete should become a part of your regular home maintenance program. With proper maintenance, you can greatly extend both the life and the beauty of the concrete. The information below will give you the knowledge needed to keep your surface looking its best. Your new Stained Concrete Floor must be maintained. Floors that need to be repaired due to neglect will not be covered in warranty and will be subject to full repair prices.

### Interior Floor Care

Your Custom Interior Floor will last a lifetime if properly maintained. Felt Pads should be affixed to heavy furnishings or those which will move frequently. Use the same precautions you would use for a Hard Wood Floor. A Door Mat at the outside (Hemp or Rope style) and inside entrance (one with a solid backing that can be shook off outside) of a home will pick up over 85% of the dirt that would otherwise be tracked inside. One important thing to mention about your walk-off mat is how to choose one. For the first month, an open-back mat such as a carpet remnant should be used while the sealer/finish cures. Plastic-backed products should NOT be used for your mats. An acrylic or plastic backed mat can cause discoloration under and around the mat or bond to the sealer. This phenomenon is called *Plasticizer Migration*. Plasticizers keep rubber flexible and can migrate to the sealer causing an “adhesive like” bond.

#### Some important things to remember:

- 1. Do not apply tape to the floor for any reason, including “Blue Painter’s Tape, it will readily bond to the sealer and will likely remove it along with the tape.**
- 2. Do not use any type of rubber backed mat or any other rubberized mat directly on sealed floor. Plasticizer migration can cause the rubber to form a bond with the sealer which can damage your floor.**
- 3. Keep pets nails trimmed to minimize scratching of the sealer/wax.**
- 4. If you have any questions please call us.**
- 5. Install and maintain felt pads on all furniture feet/legs where they contact floor.**
- 6. Do not spill solvents on floor.**
- 7. Office type chairs with caster wheels should have a protective mat between wheels and floor. You may choose caster wheels intended for use on wood floors instead of a mat.**



## **Here is how to care for your floor:**

### **Daily dust mopping**

Daily dust mopping removes the fine dust and grit which can grind away floor finish. It will help prevent major floor finish deterioration caused by normal foot traffic. The best results are obtained by using a Micro-Fiber Dust Mop. The following procedures should be followed:

1. Dust mop the floor in one continuous movement without lifting the mop off the floor. Overlap your stroke on each pass (you can also vacuum using hard floor setting).
2. Clean the dust mop after each use by shaking it outdoors, brushing it with a brush over a garbage can, or vacuuming it.
3. **NEVER** use a "Swiffer Wet-Jet" type of cleaning tool. The liquid in these devices contain trace amounts of Solvent material. The Solvent will not harm the sealer but will cause the wax to egg-shell. Also, you should **not** use Ammonia, Bleach or Pine Sol.

### **Damp mopping (use cool water)**

1. Damp mopping with cool water and a neutral ph cleaner extends the floor finish life. It will not dull the finish and will enhance the gloss retention. We recommend a Microfiber mop head.
2. Follow the recommended dilution rates on label directions.
3. The mop should be wrung out tightly so that it is just damp. Do not allow the cleaning solution to puddle.

### **Waxing**

Wax is the sacrificial coating to protect the sealer and bear the brunt of the scuffs and scratches. It is important to remember what we call "wax" is actually termed "floor finish". We recommend the use a QUALITY 20% minimum solids wax available at Home Depot or janitorial supply store. No Mop-n-Glo or similar wax should be used. Please refer to the label on the bottle for recommended coverage rates and further instructions.

1. How often you need to re-wax depends on the abuse you, your children or pets put on the floor. It varies by owner and may be anywhere from every 3 months to every year. For commercial applications, or areas of high traffic, it will be necessary to apply wax more often. Monitoring and proactively maintaining these higher traffic areas will help to assure the longevity of your floor.
2. Use a micro fiber wet applicator. Store pad in a large Ziploc bag, remove as much air as possible prior to sealing. Or, thoroughly wash and allow to dry. Do not use fabric softeners on any microfiber pads or mops.
3. Pour a dinner-plate sized puddle on the floor and spread it evenly and thinly, do not over apply. Spread the material across the surface and let it dry for at least 1 hour. You are now ready for foot traffic again.



Home Depot carries all necessary items in the flooring care section, usually near the paint section. ZEP brand Neutral ph floor cleaner, Wet Look Gloss floor finish or high traffic floor finish. Rayon finish mop with plastic holder, micro fiber dust mop and wet applicator pad.

Here are the Home Depot product numbers for the recommended tools and materials:

Rubbermaid Microfiber Floor Care Kit  
Model# FGQ101-20 Store SKU# 862477

Rubbermaid Microfiber Tube Mop Head  
Model# 1785775

Rubbermaid Mop Handle with plastic head (or similar)  
Model# FGH11500

Rubbermaid Mop Bucket and Wringer (or similar)  
Model# FG 7580-21 YEL Store SKU# 537533

ZEP Neutral Floor Cleaner 1 Gallon Concentrate  
Model# ZU0278128 Store SKU# 255679

ZEP High Traffic Floor Finish 1 Gallon (Do not dilute)  
Model# ZUHFFF128 Store SKU# 255685

OR

ZEP Wet Look Floor Finish 1 Gallon (Do not dilute)  
Model# ZUWLFF128 Store SKU# 574989