



# Spec Floors

*Spectacular Concrete Finishes*

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## TUFF COAT/ INDOOR COATING PROCESS

Things you and other tradesmen working on this job need to be aware of:

Our quotes are based on us being able to begin work on a bare slab with no framework unless otherwise noted and discussed prior to quoting. We require a slab to cure for 21 days before we begin grinding.

We complete the coating process in 3 stages. From past experience we have developed the below guidelines to help achieve the best possible outcome on your floor. \* Please note – coloured floor coatings which do not require exposure begin the process at stage 2

**Stage 1)** Initial grind and grout and application of protective coating. This stage is best done on a slab with no framework as we are able to achieve a more even finish with a more consistent exposure whilst minimising costs.(Approx 4 days work based on 100 sq m)

**Stage 2)** Clean up grind and application of 1<sup>st</sup> coat. Application of Hiperguard. This stage should be completed after:

- walls have gone up and plasterers have finished
- basic fit out of electrical (holes cut etc)
- ceiling paint has been applied and walls have had first coat of paint applied,

Before:

- door frames, arcs, skirtings, vanity, toilets, bathrooms and kitchen fixtures are installed.

It is important that the floor is protected from:

- paint overspray and spills
- plaster spillage (plaster is best to be mixed outside)

Tradespeople need to be informed that no permanent markings are to be used on the floor for things such as vents, switches, fittings, lights, studs etc. We suggest a detailed plan be used and/or the use of tape on the floor which is then marked or the use of builders crayons.

(Approx 1 days work based on 100 sq m)

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A 7 DAY CURE PERIOD. Foot traffic is permitted after 48 hours but please remove shoes.

**Stage 3)** Light sand if required and application of final coat/s. This stage is completed when all other trades have completed their work. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A 7 DAY CURE PERIOD. Foot traffic is permitted after 48 hours but please remove shoes.

(Approx 2 days based on 100sq m)

## MAINTENANCE

To clean coated floors we recommend using water and a mop. If a cleaner is desired it is important to only use a pH neutral cleaner (pH7). This is available at Riverina Cleaning Supplies as well as other various outlets. If streaking occurs a small amount of methylated spirits can be added to the water.

Reapplication of coatings is required periodically. The following is a guide only based on domestic traffic.

Solvent based acrylics (outdoor) – reapplication required every 18-36 months.

2 pak water based epoxy – reapplication required every 3 – 5 years

Tuff coat – reapplication required every 5 years.

Coloured paint – reapplication every 10 - 15 years

Coatings will dull in high traffic areas as an indication that recoating is needed. Reapplication generally takes one day. All furniture needs to be removed prior to our arrival. We need to recoat the entire floor at one time to ensure continuity of finish (completing separate rooms at separate times is not ideal or cost effective). PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A 7 DAY CURE PERIOD. Foot traffic is permitted after 48 hours but please remove shoes.

If left too long and the coating wears through the entire floor will need to be stripped back to bare concrete via a grinding process and a new coating system will have to be installed. This incurs a substantially higher cost than recoating.

If you are unsure about the level of wear on your coated floor please contact us to evaluate it.