



The Care and Maintenance of Protectakote Surfaces

Once **PROTECTAKOTE™** or **PROTECTAKOTE UVR™** coatings have fully cured, they are very easy to maintain.

Because **PROTECTAKOTE™** cures to an impermeable membrane, all dirt sits on the surface. [CAUTION! If dirt sets in on **PROTECTAKOTE™** surface while it is soft and before it is fully cured, it could become permanently imbedded.]

- Use any general floor cleaners that do NOT contain bleach, from a neutral household cleaner to a degreaser.
- **IMPORTANT!** For best results, use a stiff bristled deck brush to agitate cleaner on the surface. [A cotton mop is not recommended since pieces of mop may get caught on high profile of **PROTECTAKOTE™** surface.] A synthetic fibre material mop may be used if a deck brush is unavailable.
- Rinse surface thoroughly to remove all residue.
- Remove all water with a sponge mop, a 24 oz. mop or water vacuum.

Alternative Methods

For larger areas, where the above method is not time efficient, there are alternatives available to expedite cleaning.

Pressure Washer

A wide-angle water pressure spray of 600-700 PSI can clean **PROTECTAKOTE™** without damage to the surface.

Rotary Machine

A rotary 14" waxing-type machine with a non abrasive (thickline) blue pad can be used.

Rinse-Free Detergent

If a rinse-free detergent is used, the dirty water pickup can be done with a water vacuum.

Automatic Scrubbers

PROTECTAKOTE™ surfaces can also be cleaned with automatic scrubbers. These are machines which, in one pass, put down the washing solution, scrub the floor with a (blue) pad, and vacuum up the dirty water. The pad pressure used in the scrubber (using a blue pad) need only be sufficient for the pad to make light contact with the floor. Heavy scrubbing over time will negatively affect the **PROTECTAKOTE™** surface.

Specific Cleaning Issues

Grease Spillage

To clean a PROTECTAKOTE™ surface of a greasy or slippery solution, it is necessary to use a slightly more aggressive detergent, containing a degreaser, available from chemical suppliers.

Removal of Sticky Substances

For removal of gum or other sticky substances from a PROTECTAKOTE™ surface, use a pressure washer. A wide-angle water-pressure spay of 600 to 700 PSI, at an angle of 35-40 degrees, should enable the removal of gum pieces within 10 to 15 seconds without damage to the PROTECTAKOTE™ coating.

Removal of Organic Stains

Organic stains, such as leaves, can be removed using a slightly acidic or neutral cleaner. Leave on for five or 10 minutes. Rinse off according to manufacturer's recommendations. This will only work if the stain has occurred after PROTECTAKOTE™ has fully cured.

Chlorine / Bleach

If left on the PROTECTAKOTE™ surface, concentrated chlorine or bleach will discolour PROTECTAKOTE™. Immediately rinse off with water.

Repairing or overcoating Protectakote™

PROTECTAKOTE™ or PROTECTAKOTE UVR™ can easily be repaired or over-coated (once cured), as it bonds to itself.

- Cut out all damaged PROTECTAKOTE™ to eliminate uneven edges.
- Clean dirt from area to be repaired and rough up surrounding PROTECTAKOTE™ with 60-grit sand paper.
- Clean area with Xylene.
- On exposed surfaces to which PROTECTAKOTE™ does not bond easily, a primer may be needed.
- Brush, roll, or spray fresh PROTECTAKOTE™ onto cleaned areas, as per application instructions.

Nb. This information is only intended as a guide and no guarantee is given to the methods described, if there is any doubt we recommend carrying out a test on a small inconspicuous area first.