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# **AutoTech EPOXY FLOOR COATING**



**AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating** is a durable floor coating that gives a professional finish to interior bare concrete floors. **AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating** resists hot tyre pick-up and provides excellent wear and abrasion resistance to heavy foot and vehicle traffic. **AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating** is ideal for transforming bare concrete floors in; garages, workshops, rumpus/games rooms and small retail floors, within an area of 36-40 sqm only.

- A single 8 litre kit will cover a standard double garage (36-40 sgm) with one coat.
- Protects against oil stains, beads water and simply wipes clean.
- Suitable for use ONLY on interior bare concrete floors.
- AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating is NOT intended for use on unsound previous coatings, on tiles, wet areas, or floors that have a moisture problem.

# **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

# READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE STARTING PROJECT

#### It is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to also:

- 1. View the AUTOTECH EPOXY FLOOR COATING INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO
- 2. Refer to the Instructions Sheet & Safety Data Sheet before use

AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating – INDUCTION, POT LIFE & DRY TIMES table:

Temp (°C)	Relative Humidity	Induction Time	Pot Life	Touch Dry	Recoat	Light Foot Traffic	Heavy Items/ Normal Foot Traffic	Vehicle Traffic
15°C	50%	30 Minutes	5 Hours	16 Hours	48-96 Hours	48 Hours	72 Hours	10 Days
20°C	50%	30	4 Hours	12 Hours	24-72 Hours	24 Hours	48 Hours	7-10 Days
25°C	50%	Minutes 20	2 Hours	10 Hours	16-72 Hours	24 Hours	48 Hours	7-10 Days
30°C	50%	Minutes 20	90 Minutes	8 Hours	16-60 Hours	24 Hours	48 Hours	7-10 Days
35°C	50%	Minutes 20	90 Minutes	8 Hours	10-48 Hours	24 Hours	48 Hours	7-10 Days
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#### Suitable Surfaces:

Bare concrete floors — INTERIOR USE ONLY.

To ensure best results,

#### CHECK CONCRETE AND DO NOT APPLY AUTOTECH EPOXY FLOOR COATING IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST:

Sealed Concrete	To determine if your concrete is sealed, drip a small amount of water onto the surface. If the water beads, a sealer has been used, and this must be removed prior to the application of AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating. <b>Do not apply AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating over sealed concrete.</b>
Previously Painted Concrete	If your concrete floor has been previously painted, this coating will need to be <b>fully removed prior to the application of AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating.</b>
Moisture in Concrete	To determine if there is moisture in your concrete, tape a 60 cm x 60 cm sheet of plastic (e.g. a heavy-duty garbage bag) to the floor. Tape the edges down with duct tape and leave for 24 hours. <b>If water droplets appear on the inside of the plastic or if the concrete appears wet (darker in colour), moisture has been trapped in the concrete and the floor should NOT be coated.</b> Allow 24 hours drying time before repeating test. <b>If moisture persists seek professional advice before applying AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating.</b>
Loose or Poorly Cured Concrete / Concrete Dust	AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating will not adhere to loose or chipped concrete, or if concrete dust is present on the surface. Ensure that all loose material is removed from the surface and damaged areas are repaired prior to application of the coating.
New Concrete	Allow newly poured concrete to cure for a minimum of 4 weeks prior to coating. New concrete with a smooth finish may require etching prior to coating. Test surface by dripping a small amount of water onto the surface. If the water beads before slowly soaking into the concrete, the surface will need to be etched. New concrete with a rough finish will not require etching.

#### **Ideal Application Temperature:**

Air (ambient) and floor temperature **MUST** be between 15°C and 35°C during application. Relative Humidity **MUST** be below 85%.

#### Coverage:

A single 8 litre kit will cover a standard double garage (36–40sqm) with one coat. Note: Weathered, rough or porous concrete may require a second coat.

# **Drying Time:**

Refer to Induction, Pot Life & Dry Times table.

#### **Preparation:**

#### 1. Clean Floor

Remove all dirt and dust by using a broom or vacuum. Use a scrubbing brush and a cleaner/degreaser to remove any oil or grease spots from the floor. Scrub the stained areas thoroughly and wipe up excess cleaner/degreaser with rags or paper towels to keep the residue from spreading. Rinse surface thoroughly with water to remove all residue.

Use a wire brush or power sander to remove any loose concrete or deteriorated coatings. Wash floor with detergent/cleaner and a stiff bristle broom. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.

Bare concrete surfaces need to be etched to ensure proper adhesion of AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating to the concrete.

#### 2. Mixing and Applying Etch

Empty the contents of the Etch packet into a plastic bucket containing 10 litres of warm water. Wear appropriate protective equipment. Pre-wet the floor and distribute the etch solution over a 3 metre x 3 metre section of the floor. Work the etch solution into the floor with a stiff bristle broom. The solution may fizz for about 3-4 minutes during the scrubbing process. Once the fizzing stops, hose off the solution and move onto next section. Once etching is complete, rinse thoroughly (scrubbing with a stiff bristle brush whilst rinsing). A foam/rubber squeegee or wet/dry vacuum can be used to remove excess water from the surface.

Once the floor is completely dry, wipe your fingers over the floor. If your fingers pick up dust or powder, continue to rinse and scrub until the floor is clean. Once your fingers remain clean, all etch solution residue has been removed.



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For best results, wait 72 hours after etching before applying AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating. This will allow the concrete to dry thoroughly. (Perform moisture test to ensure concrete is dry before applying AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating)

#### 3. Repair of Holes & Cracks in Concrete

If necessary, repair holes & cracks in concrete with an appropriate filler. Allow to dry before coating. Sand smooth and ensure to remove all dust before application of AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating. (Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and drying time of fillers)

#### 4.Mixing Part A (Base) with Part B (Activator)

Thoroughly stir the contents in each can.

Pour Part A into a 12-20 litre bucket and then ADD Part B.

Mix together thoroughly for at least 3-5 minutes with a flat paddle stirrer. (DO NOT POWER MIX WITH AN ELECTRIC DRILL)

CAUTION: Painted surfaces may become slippery when wet. Anti-Slip additive may be added to coating during mixing of the 2 parts. (Follow manufacturer's instructions)

WARNING: Most epoxies are irritating to the skin and eyes. Always wear appropriate protective equipment during mixing and handling of this product (e.g. gloves and mask).

#### 5. Induction Time

After mixing Part A with Part B, leave stand for the appropriate Induction time, whilst stirring occasionally. Refer to Induction, Pot Life & Dry Times table.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

- Mix Part A and Part B together thoroughly to ensure that the epoxy is fully activated.
- After mixing Part A with Part B, leave stand for the appropriate Induction time to ensure it is fully activated.
- Do not mix the decorative flakes with AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating.
- Do not leave container in direct sunlight.
- Do not add solvents, pigment or accelerator once the 2 parts have been mixed.
- If you will be using more than one kit, do not mix both kits at once.
- Pot life is reduced if more than 8 litres are mixed, or if the temperature exceeds 30°C.
   The coating must be applied within the pot life times listed in the Induction, Pot Life & Dry Times table to ensure even gloss and colour.
   Quality of the coating will deteriorate outside of these times.

#### **Application:**

For clean edges, use painter's tape to mask off all trim. Secure the tape by pressing the edge down with a putty knife. Remove tape after 24 hours using a utility knife.

**After the minimum Induction (standing) time**, use a brush to trim the edges and areas where a roller cannot reach. Use a long handled roller with an epoxy-safe, 12-16mm nap cover to apply an even coat of AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating onto the surface. Apply in 1 metre x 1 metre sections, maintaining a wet edge to prevent lap marks. Distribute decorative flakes evenly over each wet, freshly coated section. Skip this step if you do not require a decorative finish. Continue immediately onto the next 1 metre x 1 metre section. Only one coat is required. If a second coat is desired, refer to recoat times in the Induction, Pot Life & Dry Times table.



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# HINTS & TIPS

- Suitable for INTERIOR USE ONLY on bare concrete floors.
- AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating is NOT intended for use on unsound previous coatings, on tiles, wet areas, or floors that have a moisture problem.
- Do not attempt to prepare and coat floor in a single weekend. Concrete will require time to dry thoroughly after etching/washing.
- For best results, apply Epoxy Floor Coating mid morning. The lower temperatures will ensure longer pot life. (Please refer to Pot life table). Use a good quality brush and good quality 12-16mm nap roller cover to apply the product.
- Each kit is designed for a single use application (over approx. 36-40m2) once mixed. Not all garages are the same size so if there is left over
- epoxy, allow it to harden in container and then dispose of according to council/regional regulations.
- If your project is larger than 36-40m2 and requires more than 1 kit, please ensure to purchase kits with the same batch number. This will
- ensure colour uniformity. Batch number is found on the product barcode label.
- If using more than 1 kit, do not mix both kits at once.
- It is NOT recommended to split the kit to cover smaller areas.
- Please ensure adequate ventilation during the curing process.
  - For best results, please avoid vehicle traffic for a minimum of 7-10 days after application of Epoxy Floor Coating.

(Drying times will be longer at lower temperatures and higher humidity).

Porous floors may bubble/off gas during application when the ambient temperature rises quickly. To avoid such occurrences, apply Epoxy Coat mid morning when the ambient temperature and concrete floor temperatures are relatively equal.

The etch process MUST be completed on all bare, unpainted concrete floors. This includes new concrete floors. This step will provide the best surface profile for the epoxy to adhere to.

#### KIT CONTENTS



- Part A Base
- 2. Part B Activator
- 3. Concrete Etch
- 4. Decorative Flakes
- 5. Stirrer
- 6. Instruction Sheet

# EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- Stiff Bristled broom
  - Paint brush and tray
  - Roller (with long handle)
  - 12-16mm nap roller cover

Hose

Painters tape for skirting boards

Appropriate filler and filling blade

- 120 grit sandpaper
- 12-20 litre bucket/container
- Utility knife
- Squeegee
- Watering can
- Degreaser/cleaner



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# TECHNICAL DATA

Finish: Gloss

**Colour Range:** Carbon, Manhattan, Sterling Grey

**Consistency:** Liquid VOC Level: <280g/L

Clean Up: Acetone or Mineral Turps

#### STORAGE

Keep containers closed when not in use. Store below 50°C. Do not store in direct sunlight.

# DISPOSAL

Dispose of roller and brushes used to apply AutoTech Epoxy Floor Coating. Allow left over paint to harden in container and dispose of according to regional regulations.

# FIRST AID/SAFETY INFORMATION

Please refer to Safety Data Sheet before use. Safety data sheets are available for download from our website <a href="https://www.dymark.com.au">www.dymark.com.au</a>.

**Call a POISON CENTRE: Australia 13 11 26, New Zealand 0800 764 766**or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. **Keep out of reach of children.** 

# DISCLAIMER

The information provided within this Technical Data Sheet is intended as a guide only. The Slip resistance and performance of this product depends on many factors outside the control of Dy-Mark; including surface preparation, surface-specific conditions, surface types, correct application and environmental conditions.

Dy-Mark recommends customers undertake their own risk assessment prior to use to determine the suitability of the product for the particular use intended. Some factors to consider:

- Slip resistance required
- Surface type
- Volume of traffic
- Potential exposure to any surface contaminants eq. Water, solvents or chemicals

As environmental/surface conditions and correct use of our materials are beyond our control, we can guarantee these products only to conform to our standards of quality, and our liability, if any, will be limited to replacement of defective materials. All technical information is subject to change without notice.

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