

## **A&I Coatings FAQ Sheet No. 22**

### **Envirochoice Floor Coating Maintenance Guide**

#### **Introduction**

A disciplined floor coating maintenance regime is very important and is directly related to achieving long lifespan and serviceability from your floor coating system. The cleaner your floor is kept the longer it will last.

Your floor coating is an asset to your company, and when well maintained, will always increase the professional appearance of your company and workplace.

#### **General**

- The maintenance procedure for your floor should include the following:
  1. Regular sweeping to remove grit/abrasives and any other foreign matter that could damage the coating surface
  2. Regular non-abrasive scrubbing/mopping
  3. Quick clean up response to spillages
  4. Regular physical inspections
  5. Worn/damaged surface rectification

#### **Scrubbing Procedure**

1. Remove any loose foreign matter from the floor surface by sweeping or vacuuming.
2. Spread cleaning agent such as AP165 T&G Cleaner Pro on floor area and allow it up to fifteen minutes time to dissolve foreign marks or blemishes on the floor coating. Envirochoice floor coatings are very chemical resistant, so most cleaning agents can be used. It is always good practice to test a new cleaning agent on a small test area first.
3. Scrub the floor by hand or with a motorized scrubbing machine.
4. Flush floor with clean water and vacuum up or squeegee and soak up water.
5. Rinse with water again and dry floor surface.

## **Physical Inspections**

Physical inspections of your floor coating surface must be carried out on a regular basis.

## **Damaged Coating Rectification**

For minor and major repairs it is best to make contact with either A & I Coatings or your Envirothane floor coating installer to protect the integrity and aesthetics of your floor coating system. If damages are not attended to immediately they will only get worse.

## **General Care**

The installation of machinery, racking and any large objects must be done exercising care not to drag sharp edges and heavy objects across the floor surface.

Forklift trucks and other vehicles need to be driven with care to avoid wheel spinning and abrupt turning, causing unsightly marks on the coating. Any marks can be removed with the cleaner mentioned above or similar.

Envirochoice coating systems are designed to provide a long service life through being very resilient and functional. Proper cleaning and maintenance techniques will maximize the performance of your coating system, returning many years of service for your investment.

## **Recoating Procedure**

When recoating is required, the existing coating should be thoroughly abraded and cleaned. A good job depends on the preparation which includes securing a mechanical bond to the previous coating .

The staff at A & I Coatings are more than happy to help with any questions regarding the cleaning procedure.