

# STRONGTREAD POLISHED + SEALED CONCRETE CARE + MAINTENANCE

## PROTECTING YOUR FLOOR DURING CONSTRUCTION

Concrete densifiers and stain guards need time to soak in to achieve strength. Cure times are based on 70 degrees and 60% humidity. Colder temperatures will slow the process.

- 2 hours for foot traffic
- 24 hours before wheeled traffic, moving items back in, or covering with Ram Board.

Use caution when moving items back into the space. Use carts or dollies to move large items. The floor is still a porous surface, and all spills should be cleaned immediately. If construction will continue after application, please protect the finished surface with Ram Board. Do not tape directly onto the finished flooring surface with any tape, including painter's tape. Do not cover it with plastic, as this will trap moisture. Black wheels from lifts will mark up the surface.

## GENERAL CLEANING

Dry sweep or microfiber wipe the floor of dirt and debris. Mop or scrub the floor with a neutral PH cleaner and water. An auto scrubber with a soft bristle brush, white, or red pad works best. Consolideck Daily Klean by Prosoco is the recommended cleaning product. We also use a product called 'Balance LS' from Janitor Supply Company, 260-482-8615. This is a neutral PH cleaner that will not leave a residue when used. Some stone cleaners are effective as well. Your cleaning crew or maintenance staff may also have recommendations. As always, we suggest trying in a hidden spot to test compatibility. You never have to apply wax on our StrongTread floor systems. Do not use vinegar-based cleaning solutions as this may etch or dull the surface. After cleaning, the floor can be buffed with a high-speed burnisher using a general-purpose 'hog's hair' pad.

## FLOOR CONDITIONING

As needed, when the floor is harder to clean, and water does not readily bead on the surface, a floor conditioner can be used to increase stain resistance. After wet scrubbing the floor and drying, the floor conditioner can be applied with a small sprayer, micro-fibered into the surface, and allowed to dry. The recommended ongoing conditioner is 'Concrete Protector SB' by Prosoco. Follow manufacturer instructions. Once dry, burnish with a heat pad if desired. We can also be contracted to do this process. Please reach out for a quote and scheduling.

## **GENERAL NOTES**

- Walk-off floor mats at entrances help alleviate salt and dirt accumulation on the surface. Walk-off mats should be maintained and kept clean.
- Dirt and debris can act as sandpaper on a polished finish and dull the finish.
- Certain substances can damage the surface if left to stand. It is always best to clean up spills immediately.
- Our final burnishing leaves application marks on the surface. This is normal and becomes less noticeable with normal wear and cleaning.
- StrongTread Floors are considered 'porous floors' and are not recommended in areas subject to regular spills or rooms with constant water presence. Please see our clear sealing option, TreadWell Clear+, for these areas.
- A StrongTread floor can patina over time. This can be a desirable characteristic or can be refreshed as needed.
- Do not use solvents such as Xylene, Acetone, MEK, or other strong solvents, as these may
- affect any dyes or stains applied into the surface.

- CHAIRS For rolling chairs, use rubber-wheeled office furniture. Plastic wheels will mark up the finished floor and show wear marks. For other chairs, install protectors under the feet of furniture.
- SLIP-RESISTANCE Any claims or information provided by us for slip-resistance of a floor should be tested or verified by a 3rd party. These ratings may change or be affected by environment, use, cleaning methods, and general upkeep. Your floor is the safest against slips and falls when cleaned and dried properly. Accumulation of dirt and grime can reduce the slip coefficient of your flooring.
  - DANCER cannot be held responsible for slips and falls at your facility.

Of course, if you would rather speak to a person, feel free to contact us. Our goal is to balance real-world practicality with good design. We understand that floors need to balance aesthetics, durability, simple maintenance, and safety. Call us at 260-748-2252 or email us at <u>create@dancerconcrete.com</u>.

#### FINISH GUIDE

StrongTread Flooring systems by DANCER are penetrating surface sealers that help your floor last the life of your structure. Following the procedures outlined above will extend the life of your floor and increase stain resistance and durability.

For information on topical surface sealers, please see Maintenance for TreadWell Installations. Penetrating sealers are more prone to stains, but offer better abrasion resistance and life expectancy over topical sealers. Topical sealers are more prone to scratching and abrasion than penetrating products but typically offer better stain resistance and a variety of finish options.

#### STRONGTREAD POLISH

The installation of StrongTread Polished Concrete incorporates penetrating concrete densifiers and stain guards in conjunction with mechanical grinding, honing, and polishing passes for a wide selection of finishing options. This hard surface choice offers one of the most economical floor choices for high-traffic environments. Polished concrete floors can be refreshed and refinished as needed and can last the life of any structure.

#### STRONGTREAD HARDWEAR AND STRONGTREAD SAVER

The installation of StrongTread Hardwear and StrongTread Saver is a combination of the penetrating products used in polished concrete without the mechanical abrasive process. This produces a durable and affordable floor popular in warehouses, storage areas, manufacturing, and truck bays.

#### STRONGTREAD CURE

The installation of StrongTread Cure is a fully penetrating concrete densification system that decreases dusting and hardens the top layer of concrete. Because this treatment is subsurface, the sealer cannot chip, peel, flake, or yellow like a typical acrylic concrete curing and sealing agent. All typical concrete curing processes should still be followed by the concrete placement contractor. The floor can be left finished as this or be finished with other flooring treatments or sealers. StrongTread Cure is for new concrete only. The application must take place between 1-3 days after concrete pouring. For better performance and an increase in shine and stain resistance, this flooring can be upgraded to our StrongTread Hardwear or Saver Floor.