

Care instructions for sealed decorative screed

1 AREA OF VALIDITY

Valid for cementitious decorative screed floors sealed with Dr. Schutz PU Anticolor.

2 INITIAL CARE

After hardening of the sealer, the floor can be walked on and is completely resilient. Insofar as no conventional care is designated, no further initial care is needed.

If conventional care is designated:

After complete hardening, as a rule after approx. 10 days, we recommend carrying out initial care - especially in commercially used areas, or where the floor is frequently wet-mopped - after pre-cleaning with Dr. Schutz PU Cleaner but before its first heavy use. Thereby apply Dr. Schutz Floor Matt thinly and evenly with the Polish Applicator, free of streaks. The product is self-hardening and need not be polished.

3 MAINTENANCE CLEANING

Coarse dirt and sand have an effect like sandpaper and must be removed with a brush, mop or vacuum-cleaner. Mop up the dirt with a slightly damp mop. Add Dr. Schutz PU Cleaner to the mop water, mixing it in a ratio of 0.1-0.2l in 10l warm water. By applying Dr. Schutz PU Cleaner undiluted, heavier soiling and stains can be removed.

Dr. Schutz Spraymop: simply spray on and mop away. As an alternative use this practical cleaning system in private homes and in small commercial premises for the best cleaning results.

4 MAINTENANCE CARE

For conventional care:

By occasionally mopping after maintenance cleaning with Dr. Schutz Floor Matt, as described in Initial Care above, the floor receives caring substances, the sealed layer is protected and visually refreshed. The frequency of care depends on the degree of use. In living areas subject to less use and little moist mopping we recommend applying a care film 1 - 2 times per year, in commercial areas often wet mopped 1 - 2 times per month. In rooms where events are held, we recommend a care application after every major event. Building up too thick care films is to be avoided.

5 STRIP-CLEANING

A manual or machine strip-cleaning is necessary if unsightly layers have built up due to thick application of care products and cannot be removed with maintenance cleaning as described above.

Apply Dr. Schutz Clean & Strip undiluted with a mop, let it soak in and using a green pad, or a suitable brushing machine, clean away the softened care film. Afterwards rinse with clear water and allow to dry thoroughly. The floor must not be flooded; work in sections in order to keep a low amount of water on the floor. After strip-cleaning and drying the floor must be given a care film again, as described in Initial Care above.

7 Later sealing as upkeep

If no conventional care with acrylate polish is desired, then the floor should be cared for by occasionally lacquering with a PU sealing product. Hereby the surface must first be strip-cleaned (see above) and the entire surface should

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be lightly sanded. We recommend sanding disc 150 grain, or Dr. Schutz Abranet 150. After vacuuming off dust, directly apply the chosen sealer, corresponding to the product information.

The frequency of subsequent sealing depends on the degree of use of the individual floor and is typically not as often necessary as the application of conventional care products. In any case the later sealing should be carried out if the sealing layer has been damaged by use, so that the sub-surface shows local discoloration due to water or maintenance cleaning.

If the basic treatment of a decorative screed sealing with Dr. Schutz Anticolor has been carried out, then subsequent sealing can be applied with any Dr. Schutz 2-component sealer.

Our recommendation is to employ an experienced flooring professional to carry out the subsequent sealing.

The advantage of subsequent sealing: 2-component sealers are typically more resilient against mechanical and chemical damage in comparison with acrylate polishes. Moreover, it is possible to choose from a range of gloss grades (including matt and ultramatt) and slip-resistance can also be added.

8 GENERAL NOTES

- By using the floor it sustains natural wear and tear. To conserve their value, floors must not only be cleaned, but also maintained and cared for. In the cleaning process particles are removed which would otherwise damage the floor (e.g. dirt, sand, abrasion). Care products offer the best possible protection against the effect of water, dirt and abrasion, while preserving the floor's attractiveness. Therefore, the warranty on your lacquered screed floor is only valid if the care instructions from your flooring professional have been followed. These care instructions are adapted to the needs of your floor. Please take heed of these, so that you have many years of enjoying your floor. By handing over these cleaning and care instructions the flooring professional complies with the norm DIN 18365 regarding floor laying work.
- The screed material is protected by the sealer, whereby it is widely resistant against water permeation and hence against the resulting optical changes and the process of degradation. Scratches caused by use must be kept sealed by consequential care.
- In areas of heavily abrasive effects (e.g. chair castors, sand brought indoors, ...) we advise taking preventive measures (e.g. suitable protective mats, entrance clean zones). These areas must be intensively cared for, or a timely renovation must be considered, depending on these effects. In entrance areas we recommend creating clean-walk zones of sufficient dimensions (effectively at least 3 to 4 steps long), the mats of which must be regularly cleaned or exchanged. This prevents a large part of dirt being brought indoors and reduces the mechanical wear on the floor.
- Furniture and other interior objects should be carefully installed and arranged. The legs of tables and chairs should be fitted with appropriate furniture foot-gliders - we recommend the optimal protective Scratch-no-more-System. Chair and furniture foot-gliders must be regularly maintained and checked for their efficacy.
- For chairs with castors, only use soft rollers conforming to norm EN 12529. However, essentially on all types of floor and sealer it is advisable to protect areas where chairs roll with appropriate mats - in private homes as well as in commercial premises.
- Slip-resistant carpet underlays must be suitable for sealed floors. Moisture-proof coverings can damage the floor in case of water permeation by hindering the drying process. Use as little water as possible on screed floors. Avoid excessive water coming into the building, for example in entrance areas.
- Coloured products (e.g. hair dyes, disinfectants) as well as plasticizer migration (e.g. from rubber, carpet underlays) can lead to irreversible discoloration of the surface. Therefore avoid contact with these products.

Please pay attention to the Product Information of the above mentioned products.

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