

# SparkleTuff™ Anti-Slip Floor Coating Cleaning Guide

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SparkleTuff™ Anti-Slip Floor Coating is safe and easy to apply, and is easy to clean. This exclusive super-tough anti-slip floor coating has outstanding wear and chemical resistance, including resistance to acids and alkalis. It has excellent weathering and dirt pickup resistance and strong anti-corrosive characteristics.

The coating will continue to harden and cure for several days after the initial cure has been achieved. Eight hours is usually enough curing time to allow for light foot traffic (check to make sure the coating is no longer tacky to the touch). Twenty-four hours is required before subjecting the coating to water. For areas with heavy vehicular traffic, and other high-wear situations, it may be advisable to allow the coating to cure for more than 24 hours as it will become very hard over several days of further curing and achieve its maximum chemical and wear resistance. Additional curing time may also be needed if applied and cured in temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Effective cleaning methods for SparkleTuff™ Anti-Slip include the use of an autoscrubber with a SOFT brush. Hard brushes will only serve to scratch the coating and will not do a great job of cleaning the surface. Never use a pad on an autoscrubber to clean this coating. That will only grind the anti-slip particles down and smooth out the floor, making it slippery again. Autoscrubbers use squeegees and suction to *remove* contaminants from the surface after being loosened by cleaning chemicals and the soft brush. This is what effective floor cleaning procedures aim to do: *remove* the dirt, oils and contaminants, as opposed to spread them around (which is what a mop does).

For areas with drainage, the use of a soft brush (such as a vehicle wash brush) is also effective, using a hose to rinse the soapy areas down after giving the cleaning chemical a chance to do its work. A foam-type floor squeegee can be helpful in getting the rinse water to the drains. Where there is no drainage, a wet-vac can also be useful to remove the wash liquid. All floor cleaning chemicals have their own set of instructions, and they must be followed to allow them to clean the flooring properly.

The use of a mop and bucket is good for spot-cleaning spills, but this method is not an effective way of cleaning any floor, as this method tends to only spread dirt and grease evenly around a floor, and does not completely remove the contaminants from the area.

Areas where human body fats and other oily contaminants are found, such as pool decks, kitchens and shower areas, might require a degreaser to remove those fats and oils. Areas where fats and oils are not generally present would call for a neutral cleaner. Acidic cleaners, although they can safely be used on SparkleTuff Anti-Slip, wouldn't be necessary for cleaning the coating, except in rare cases.

SparkleTuff™ Anti-Slip Floor Coating is easier to clean than many floor surfaces as it does not have pores to collect the contaminants. Contact the floor slip resistance experts at Safety Direct America for more information.

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