

# CARE INSTRUCTIONS -Mechanical Polished Concrete (MPC)

Congratulations on your new polished concrete floor. MPC is a hard-wearing & stain resistant surface, however your floor will still require some basic maintenance & care to keep your floors looking their best.

## MAINTENANCE & CARE (MPC)

Mechanically polished concrete can be walked on within **24 hours** of completion, however they should not be introduced to water within at least **48 hours** of completion.

To minimise the amount of dirt and grit that is tracked into your home, it is best practice to place mats or rugs at the entry points to your house to help collect abrasive particles. Although your floor has been treated with chemical densifiers & sealers, this provision will help reduce the possibility of scratches & abrasion.

## GENERAL CLEANING:

The floor should be frequently swept with a dry micro fibre mop or soft bristle broom, to remove any dust & grit particles. (Mud and grit can act like sandpaper and may damage your floors) **Only use 'PH NEUTRAL' cleaning agents to effectively clean your polished concrete floor!!.**

Weekly, we suggest mopping floors lightly with warm water and a **PH NEUTRAL** cleaning agent using a soft micro-fibre head. It is very important not to leave puddles of water/ liquids for any length of time & it is best for the floor to dry quickly (**Please take care as any wet floors may be slippery**).

Liquid & food spills must be cleaned up quickly. Although your polished concrete floor is stain resistant, it is best practice to clean up spills as soon as possible, particularly liquids like wine, coffee, soft drinks, vinegar, milk & urine, or anything else that may be acidic.

Cooking often includes the use of acidic ingredients, e.g. citrus, bicarbonate soda, vinegar, etc. Please be aware that acidic materials will eat away at the floor's surface, but as long as the floor is cleaned regularly and any spills are cleaned up quickly, they should not cause any damage.

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

Initially after your floors have been sealed, you may experience your floors looking and feeling a little dirty/dusty & sometimes slightly tacky. This is because the excess penetrating sealer will naturally rise to the top of your slab, and this can in some cases result in an oily residue remaining on the surface of your floor which dirt and dust can become trapped in. This may take the first 3-5 times of cleaning your floors with a **pH neutral** cleaner to effectively aid in the removal of this residue. After these first few cleans the floors can be mopped with water only or if you prefer you can continue to use any **pH neutral cleaner**.

**(Please 'DO NOT' use abrasive, acidic, bleach, vinegar based or harsh cleaning agents on your polished concrete, Cleaning the floor with such agents may cause permanent damage & discolouration).**

**We only recommend the use of 'RAMBOARD' or a similar quality product to protect the floor from other trades or building works. Do not cover your floor with a solid non-permeable protection like plastic. This can sweat & create a moisture lock that can cause permanent discolouration of the concrete. Also, please do not apply any adhesives (e.g. Tape/ glue) to your floor as this can cause permanent damage/ discolouration.**

## MAINTENANCE:

After years of wear & tear, your floor may begin to lose its original shine/gloss. However, when this does happen, the gloss can be returned using a high-speed burnisher/polisher. To keep your floor looking great, Floor illusions would recommend a light clean/ burnish and re-application of the protective sealer, approximately every 5 years to keep your floors looking their best. This will ensure your floor remains stain resistant and retains its shine.



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