Specifying Concrete Floor Coatings and Treatments: Aggressive Environments

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Agenda

- Selection Criteria for Aggressive Environments
- Concrete Coatings and Treatments Options
- Review Specific Functional Spaces and Selection Options
- Specification, Details, and Installation Monitoring
- Maintenance
Aggressive Environments

(A) **Light service** refers to exposure conditions such as light traffic (i.e., foot traffic and light rubber wheeled carts), moisture, nonaggressive chemicals or freeze/thaw cycles.

(B) **Severe service** refers to exposure conditions such as heavy machinery traffic (i.e., forklifts, heavy trucks, or steel wheeled carts), deleterious chemicals, immersion or thermal shock (e.g., hot water washing or steam cleaning).

(C) **Severe service (concrete):** Environments in which surfaces and applied coatings have significant exposure to traffic, chemicals, or changes in temperature.

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A, B NACE/SSPC JOINT SURFACE PREPARATION STANDARD NACE No. 6/SSPC-SP 13 “Surface Preparation of Concrete”

C SSPC Coatings Specification No. 44 (Wastewater)
Aggressive Environments Evaluation

Service Conditions
- Chemical exposure
  - Organic or Inorganic Acids
  - Caustics/Alkalies
  - Oils/Hydrocarbons
  - Oxidizing Agents
  - Solvents
- Temperature & duration of exposure
- Abrasion and impact
- Heavy Traffic

Installation Conditions
- Condition of the substrate
- Environment during installation
Selection Criteria for Aggressive Environments

1. **Performance**
   - Abrasion
   - **Chemical Resistance**
   - Thermal Exposure
   - Slip Resistant/Texture
   - Installation Schedule
   - Installation Environment
   - Ability to Resurface
   - Maintenance Schedule
   - Service Life

2. **Aesthetics**
   - Color(s)
   - Gloss
   - Design

3. **Cost**
   - Initial
   - Maintenance
   - Cost of Replacement
Systems Overview

1. Coatings (thin film)
2. High Build Resinous Systems
   a. Slurry/self-leveling
   b. Broadcast
   c. Troweled
3. Reinforced Systems
Thin Film Coatings

Performance Benefits
- Protects concrete from wear
- Protects concrete for chemical attack
- Texture options
- Gloss/Sheen options
- Wayfinding (safety)
- Low installed cost

Limitations
- Limited wear
- Generally not breathable
- Not good for thermal shock (CTE)
- Reflects concrete surface profile
Resin Chemistry

Polymer Backbone and Reactive Crosslink
- Epoxy/Curing Agents
- Novolacs
- Polyester/Vinyl Ester
- Polyurethane/Polyethers
- Methyl Methacrylate
- Polyurea/Polyaspartic
- Hybrids/UV-Cure

Functionality
- Speed of Cure
- Cure Temperature
- Chemical Resistance
- Abrasion Resistance
- Flexibility
- Adhesive/Cohesive Strength
- UV stability
# Resin Chemistry - Chemical Resistance

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Chemical Resistance Testing

Applied on Substrate:

- **ASTM D6943** - Standard Practice for Immersion Testing of Industrial Protective Coatings and Linings (Replaced: ASTM C868)
- **NACE TM0174** - Laboratory Methods for the Evaluation of Protective Coatings and Lining Materials on Metallic Substrates in Immersion Service (substitute concrete as the substrate)
- **ASTM D4398** - Standard Test Method for Determining the Chemical Resistance of Fiberglass-Reinforced Thermosetting Resins by One-Side Panel Exposure

Free Film or Specimens:

- **ASTM C267** - Standard Test Methods for Chemical Resistance of Mortars, Grouts, and Monolithic Surfacings and Polymer Concretes
- **ASTM C413** - Standard Test Method for Absorption of Chemical-Resistant Mortars, Grouts, Monolithic Surfacings, and Polymer Concretes
Broadcast, Slurry, Trowel Flooring

**Performance Benefits**
- Resurfaces Concrete
- High Impact/Point Load Capacity
- Thermal Shock Prevention (CTE $\alpha$)
- Cove Base Option
- Waterproof Option
- Variable Texture Capability
- Cover Control Joints

**Limitations**
- Multi step installation process
- Thinner systems may reflect substrate unevenness
- May not be breathable
Aggregates

Types of Aggregate
- Powders
- Cement (reactive)
- Silica Sand
- Mica/Graphite
- Fiberglass
- Colored Quartz
- Paint Chips

Application Methods
- Broadcast
- Slurry/Self-Leveling
- Mortar
- Combination

Performance Impact
- Thickness
- Texture
- Aesthetics
- Permeability
- Impact Resistance
- Abrasion Resistance
- Chemical Resistance
Reinforced System

**Performance Benefits**
- All Mortar Benefits plus:
- Higher capacity to withstand thermal movement
- Improves system physical properties

**Limitations**
- Multi step installation process
- Reinforcement must be completely saturated and embedded
- Higher cost as reflected by labor
Standards for Physical Performance Properties

ASTM D4060 - Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Organic Coatings by the Taber Abraser
ASTM C307 - Test Method for Tensile Strength of Chemical-Resistant Mortar, Grouts, and Monolithic Surfacings
ASTM D412 - Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension
ASTM D638 - Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
ASTM C580 - Test Method for Flexural Strength and Modulus of Elasticity of Chemical-Resistant Mortars, Grouts, Monolithic Surfacings, and Polymer Concretes
ASTM C579 - Test Methods for Compressive Strength of Chemical-Resistant Mortars, Grouts, Monolithic Surfacings, and Polymer Concretes
ASTM D5045 - Test Methods for Plane-Strain Fracture Toughness and Strain Energy Release Rate of Plastic Materials
ASTM E96 - Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials (Permeability)
ASTM D7234 - Test Method for Pull-Off Adhesion Strength of Coatings on Concrete Using Portable Pull-Off Adhesion Testers
ASTM C531 - Test Method for Linear Shrinkage and Coefficient of Thermal Expansion of Chemical-Resistant Mortars, Grouts, Monolithic Surfacings, and Polymer Concretes
ASTM C884 - Test Method for Thermal Compatibility Between Concrete and an Epoxy-Resin Overlay
ASTM E1356 - Test Method for Assignment of the Glass Transition Temperatures by Differential Scanning Calorimetry
ASTM D4587 - Practice for Fluorescent UV-Condensation Exposures of Paint and Related Coatings
Physical Properties Comparison

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Secondary containment requirements are addressed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) contained in title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 264, the 2006 Uniform Fire Code (UFC) in standard 60.3.2.8.3 and in the 2012 International Fire Code (IFC) in 5004.2.

The EPA refers to the need for secondary containment in two different areas: Subpart I, Use and Management of Containers (40 CFR 264.175), which covers portable storage containers, such as 55-gallon drums, for hazardous waste, and the second in Subpart J, Tank Systems (40 CFR 264.193), which covers large stationary containers, such as tank systems, for hazardous waste. Facilities that store hazardous materials may also be required to meet the either the UFC or IFC depending on what the locality has adopted.
Understanding the Need

Application Area
- Drum Storage
- Chemical Storage

Performance/Aesthetics
- Abrasion
- Impact Resistance
- Chemical Exposure

System Options
- Mortar Systems
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![Forklift Charging Image](image-url)
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# Understanding the Need

## Application Area
- Food Processing

## Performance/Aesthetics
- Heavy Traffic
- Slip Resistance
- Organic Acid Exposure
- Steam Cleaning

## System Options
- Mortars
Understanding the Need

Application Area
- Collection Centers

Performance/Aesthetics
- High Abrasion
- Assorted Chemical Exposure

System Options
- Iron Filled Mortar
- Iron Top Concrete
## Understanding the Need

### Application Area
- Parking Decks
- Garages

### Performance/Aesthetics
- Pneumatic Tire Traffic
- Shear Forces on Turns
- Slip Resistance
- Hot Tire Pickup

### System Options
- Traffic Deck Membrane and Wear Course
- High Build Textured Systems
Understanding the Need

Application Area
- Mineral Leaching
- Electrowinning
- Chemical Processing

Performance/Aesthetics
- Sulfuric Acid
- Organic Solvents
- Texture/slip resistance
- Wet environment

System Options
- Mortars
- Reinforced Systems
- Coatings under grates
Understanding the Need

**Application Area**
- Wastewater Treatment
- Water Treatment

**Performance/Aesthetics**
- Chlorides
- Sulfuric Acid

**System Options**
- High Build Resinous Flooring
- Coating (non-traffic)
## SSPC Coating Specification No. 44

Liquid-Applied Organic Polymeric Coatings and Linings for Concrete Structures in Municipal Wastewater Facilities, Performance-Based

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Understanding the Need

Specialty Retail
- Paper & Pulp Industry

Performance/Aesthetics
- Chemical Exposure
- Wet Environment
- High Abrasion

System Options
- Mortar Systems
- Coatings under grates
Flooring and Installation Costs are secondary to the cost of failure.

- Employee Safety
- Production Disruption
- Asset protection

Factors Affecting Cost

- System Manufacturer
- Chemistry
- System Complexity
- Labor Requirement/Rate
- Square Footage
- Install Schedule
Specifying for Performance and Quality

1. Concrete
   - Sub Grade
   - Vapor Retarder
   - Concrete Mix
     - Aggregates
     - Acid Resistance
     - Fly Ash
     - W/C <0.45
   - Finish/Flatness/Pitch
   - Curing Process
   - Joints

2. Surface Preparation
   - Surface Prep
   - Inspection (soundness, contaminants, moisture)

3. Installation
   - Certified Contractor + Material Manufacturer
   - Mock-up & Approval
   - Chemical Testing
   - Trades Scheduling
   - Install in climatized condition
   - Material sampling, coupons, retains
   - Protection
Division 3/7 Concrete and Joints

- **ACI 302.1R-15** Guide to Concrete Floor and Slab Construction
- **ACI 224.3R** Joints in Concrete Construction
- **ASTM C 33** Standard Specifications for Concrete Aggregates
- **ASTM E1745** Standard Specification for Plastic Water Vapor Retarders Used in Contact with Soil or Granular Fill under Concrete Slabs
- **ASTM E1155** Standard Test Method for Determining $F_F$ Floor Flatness and $F_L$ Floor Levelness Numbers
- **ACI 308R** Guide to Curing Concrete
- **ASTM C920** Standard Specification for Elastomeric Joint Sealants
- **ACI 224.1R** Causes, Evaluation, and Repair of Cracks in Concrete Structures
Division 9 Flooring - Surface Preparation


- NACE/SSPC Joint Surface Preparation Standard NACE No. 6/SSPC-SP 13 “Surface Preparation of Concrete”

- ICRI Guideline No. 310.1R–2008 (formerly No. 03730) Guide for Surface Preparation for the Repair of Deteriorated Concrete Resulting from Reinforcing Steel Corrosion

- ICRI Guideline No. 310.2R–2013 Selecting and Specifying Concrete Surface Preparation for Sealers, Coatings, Polymer Overlays, and Concrete Repair
# Surface Preparation

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<td>Thin film, 4 to 10 mils (0.01 to 0.025 mm)</td>
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<td>Concrete overlays and repair materials, &gt;1/4 in. (&gt;6 mm)</td>
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Caution! The texture and appearance of the profile obtained will vary depending on the concrete strength. The surface conditions are as follows:

- **Fig. 6.1:** CSP 1 (acid-etched)
- **Fig. 6.2:** CSP 2 (grinding)
- **Fig. 6.3:** CSP 3 (light shotblast)
- **Fig. 6.4:** CSP 4 (light scarification)
- **Fig. 6.5:** CSP 5 (medium shotblast)
- **Fig. 6.6:** CSP 6 (medium scarification)
- **Fig. 6.7:** CSP 7 (heavy abrasive blast)
- **Fig. 6.8:** CSP 8 (scabbled)
- **Fig. 6.9:** CSP 9 (heavy scarification—rotomilled)
- **Fig. 6.10:** CSP 10 (handheld concrete breaker followed by abrasive blasting)
# Surface Preparation

**Minimum Acceptance Criteria for Concrete Surfaces After Surface Preparation**

NACE/SSPC Joint Surface Preparation Standard NACE No. 6/SSPC-SP 13

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<td>Residual contaminants (D)</td>
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<td>pH (acid etching)</td>
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Division 9 Flooring - Moisture Testing

- **ASTM D4263** Standard Test Method for Indicating Moisture in Concrete by the Plastic Sheet Method

- **ASTM F1869** Standard Test Method for Measuring Moisture Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete Subfloor Using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride

- **ASTM F2170** Standard Test Method for Determining Relative Humidity in Concrete Floor Slabs Using in situ Probes
Division 9 Flooring - Installation


- SSPC Guide 20 Guide for Applying Thick Film Coatings and Surfacings Over Concrete Floors

- SSPC PA No. 7 Applying Thin Film Coatings to Concrete

- SSPC TG NO. 12 Guide for Illumination of Industrial Coating Project

- ACI 503R Use of Epoxy Compounds with Concrete

- Manufacturer’s Installation Instructions
Division 9 Flooring - Slip Resistance

- ANSI A137.1 Standard Specification for Ceramic Tile (Slick Resistance-TCNA)
- ANSI/NFSI B101.0 Walkway Surface Auditing Procedure for the Measurement of Walkway Slip Resistance
- ANSI/NFSI B101.1 Test Method for Measuring Wet SCOF of Common Hard-Surface Floor Materials
- ANSI/NFSI B101.2 Test Method for Determining the Impact on Wet Dynamic Coefficient of Friction of Various Chemical or Physical Walkway Surface Treatments
- ANSI/NFSI B101.4 Test Method for Measuring the Wet Barefoot Condition of Flooring Materials or Products
- ANSI/NFSI B101.5 Standard Guide for Uniform Labeling Method for Identifying the Wet Static Coefficient of Friction (Traction) of Floor Coverings, Floor Coverings with Coatings, and Treated Floor Coverings
- ANSI/NFSI B101.6 Standard Guide for Commercial Entrance Matting in Reducing Slips, Trips and Falls
- ANSI/NFSI B101.8 A Floor Safety Management Program for Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention
- ASTM D2047 Standard Test Method for Static Coefficient of Friction of Polish-Coated Flooring Surfaces as Measured by the James Machine (Lab)
- ASTM F609 Standard Test Method for Using a Horizontal Pull Slipmeter (HPS) (Dry)
- ASTM F1677 Standard Test Method for Using a Portable Inclinable Articulated Strut Slip Tester (PIAST) (W)
- ASTM F1679 Standard Test Method for Using a Variable Incidence Tribometer (VIT) (W)
- ASTM F2508 “Standard Practice for Validation, Calibration, and Certification of Walkway Tribometers Using Reference Surfaces”
Division 9 Flooring - Slip Resistance

Slip Resistant - the provision of adequate slip resistance to reduce the likelihood of slip for pedestrians using reasonable care on the walkway surface under expected use conditions.

Slip Resistance - the relative force that resists the tendency of the shoe or foot to slide along a walkway.

National Floor Safety Institute (NSFI)
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*Under Development
Details - Joints

Figure 3: Isolation (Expansion) Joint at Floor/Wall Junction

Diagram showing the components of a joint with labels for Sealant, Backer Rod, Chemical-Resistant Sealant, Coating, Concrete, and Pre-formed FRP Joint.
Details - Joints (cover)

- Reinforcement
- Coating
- Bondbreaker Tape
- Elastomer
- Coating
- Concrete
- Crack
Details - Drains

Figure 10: Floor Termination Design at Floor Drain
Details - Cove Base

Figure 13: Rolled Radius Cove Base Detail

Figure 14: Cove Strip Cove Base Detail

Figure 17: Isolation (Expansion) Joint and Cove Base Detail at Floor/Wall Junction
Installation Quality

1. SSPC Guide for Planning Coatings Inspection
2. SSPC Monitoring and Controlling Ambient Conditions during Coating Operations
3. SSPC Development and Use of Quality Control Forms in Coatings Contracting

- Limit Substitutions at bid stage
- Qualify Installer (Manufacturer or 3rd party - SSPC QP8)
- Single Sourced Systems
- Mockups
- Details
- General contractor meeting
- Independent testing - CCI (Hold Points) (SSPC QP5 or NACE III)
  - Surface Prep and Substrate Repairs
  - Moisture in Concrete
  - System Conformity (Materials, thickness, color)
  - Adhesion (Adhesion, Cohesion)
- Protection
Maintenance/Warranty

- Monitor High Wear and Traffic Areas
- Recommend: Multicolored systems to signal wear through
- Establish Chemical Spill Clean-up Procedures
- Establish Repair Procedures, especially in chemical exposure areas
Renovation/Renewal Considerations

In aggressive environments, it is expected the life of the system will be limited. Surface preparation and cleaning become critical to the performance for the new installation.
Summary

- Select a flooring system that will withstand the aggressive environment, then determine the installation conditions that must be met.
- Consider the requirements of each area of use independently. Consider combined chemical exposure, frequency, duration and temperature.
- A detailed specification is your roadmap to a successful installation.
- Qualify your installer based upon your system of choice.
- Quality installations start with the substrate.
- Plan, monitor and document the installation.
Additional Resources

- SSPC.org
- NACE.org
- NTMA.com
- ICRI.org
- Concrete.org (ACI)
- NSFI.org
- 4Specs.com
- Linkedin Groups
  - Epoxy Resinous Floors - Protective Coatings & Epoxy Systems
  - Resinous Flooring Professional
  - Seamless Flooring
Questions?

Thank you for your attention.

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Learning Objectives

1. Provide perspective with respect to aggressive environments and then review floor coating requirements to meet the performance demands.
2. Recognize the various polymeric chemistries available for flooring systems and what benefits they provide to the system installation and performance.
3. Review key guidance documents for the specification and detailing flooring systems for aggressive environments.
4. Understanding the importance of installation, inspection and maintenance considerations to the immediate and long term performance of the flooring system.