



Consumer's Guide to Garage Concrete Coatings

What are concrete coatings?

Concrete coatings are seamless, extremely durable, decorative flooring systems. Concrete Coating formulations are epoxy, polyaspartic, polyurethane, and others, each one having its own pros and cons.

SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings systems are available in both polyaspartic and epoxy formulations that work well together or separately.

Can I customize these garage coatings?

Yes. SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings are highly customizable. You can pick your favorite colors and textures, and make these systems complement your garage or other residential spaces. Some SPARTACOTE® coatings, such as Metallics, are one-of-a-kind works of art.

How long does a garage concrete coating installation take?

SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings require a concrete surface profile (CSP) of 2. This CSP rating requires a concrete grinder to profile the surface in order to apply the SPARTACOTE® coating system properly. This concrete grinding process is one of the reasons why SPARTACOTE® coatings are for professional use only. This surface prep typically takes a few hours depending upon the size of the area.

From there, the coatings applicator will apply your chosen concrete coatings system, which can take several hours for a typical 300 sq ft garage. The actual SPARTACOTE® coatings application is usually done in one day. Please contact your local, trained SPARTACOTE® coatings applicator for a project schedule and estimate.

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Does the coatings material smell during installation?

Concrete coatings can smell during installation depending upon which system you select. The higher the solids content, the less smell there is at installation. If you wish to minimize smell, make sure you state this to your coatings applicator when they give you an estimate and before they begin your project.

SPARTACOTE® PURE[™] concrete coatings systems are low VOC and low odor decorative systems that are perfect for such installations.

How long will my garage concrete coating last?

SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings are highly durable and long lasting. These coatings systems are built to last for years.

LATICRETE offers a 3 year product warranty for floor owners. SPARTACOTE® coatings applicators often offer custom warranties. Please discuss your floor's needs with your trained SPARTACOTE® coatings applicator.

Can I put SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings outdoors? If so, where?

Yes. SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings are highly durable, UV-stable, and may be applied outdoors. You will typically find SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings outside on covered patios, walkways, and entryways. They are weather-resistant and offer excellent chemical resistance.

Concrete coatings experts do not recommend applying coatings on residential driveways, sidewalks or areas where concrete needs to breathe.

Can I put SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings in other rooms in my home aside from my garage?

Yes. Customizable SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings are often applied in residential and commercial garages, bathrooms, basements, showrooms, kitchens, hallways, and covered patios and walkways.

Are SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings do-it-yourself / DIY home improvement projects? Can I do this myself?

SPARTACOTE® coatings systems are specialized, resinous materials that require professional concrete profiling before application. **SPARTACOTE® coatings systems are for professional use only.**



LATICRETE offers training for concrete coatings applicators throughout the U.S. Please contact your LATICRETE technical sales rep for information on the next SPARTACOTE® coatings systems training. To find technical sales rep near you, please call 203-393-0010 or email us at <u>contact@hpspartacote.com</u>.

Are concrete coatings easy to clean? What maintenance is involved?

Yes. They are easy to clean. Concrete coatings systems experts recommend a basic cleaning solution of Simple Green® diluted with water to clean your SPARTACOTE® floors.

Do road salts and harsh chemicals damage my SPARTACOTE® floor?

No. SPARTACOTE® coated concrete floors hold up well to harsh road salts and other winter contaminants. However, we recommend owners clean SPARTACOTE® floors regularly based upon use and daily traffic conditions.

Are SPARTACOTE® Concrete Coatings covered under warranty?

Yes. LATICRETE International, Inc., offers a 3 year product warranty on all SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings applied by a trained SPARTACOTE® coatings contractor. Some coatings contractors offer custom warranties. Please discuss your application with your trained SPARTACOTE® coatings contractor.

How long do I have to wait before I can walk or drive on my new SPARTACOTE® floor?

You can walk on your new SPARTACOTE® floor in 2 hours, and you can drive on it in 24 hours.

Will the finished surface of my new SPARTACOTE® coating system floor be slippery when wet?

Some SPARTACOTE® coatings systems have built-in traction, such as the Chip or Quartz systems, which are common in residential and commercial garages. Without traction additive, SPARTACOTE® floors may become slippery when wet or when other surface contaminants are present.

Coatings systems experts recommend grip additive or SPARTACOTE® DIAMOND TOPP added to your coatings system in order to maximize floor safety and to ensure the highest floor traction.



How much do SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings cost installed?

SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings' cost vary depending upon system selected, project size, market served, and other variables.

Please contact your LATICRETE technical sales rep today to find a SPARTACOTE® concrete coatings contractor near you for a project estimate. To find one, please call 203-393-0010 or email us at <u>contact@hpspartacote.com</u>.

