



# Maintenance Guide for LATICRETE

## Polished Self-Leveling Overlayments

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**Routine maintenance** of polished surfaces will involve keeping dirt, sand, grit, etc. from building up by dry dust mopping, sweeping, and light damp mopping. The ability to control dirt, grit, is crucial to maintaining a polished surface. The easiest and most cost-effective measure to control grit is by utilizing high friction, open surface design walk-off mats to remove most of the sand, dirt, and grit from shoes and trap the particles. These mats should be cleaned or changed frequently to ensure their best performance. Ideally, mats should be used at every entrance and should be as wide as the doorway and approximately 5' – 6' long. Walk-off mats designed for exterior use tend to work well.

Furniture and other heavy items must be placed on plastic, rubber or felt contact points. All these soft contact points should be tested to ensure that they do not leave marks on the new surface.

Highly alkaline, acidic, ammonia based, abrasive cleaners, or bleach may etch or otherwise damage polished surfaces and may also degrade sealer, adversely affecting stain repellency.

For a maintenance plan designed for your project and solid surfaces including polished concrete, polished toppings, resinous coatings, tile and stone, resilient flooring, etc. contact your local LATICRETE representative.

Refer to [LATICRETE](#) product data sheets and safety data sheets for mixing, application, handling, cautions, limitations, and other detailed product information. Never use wax on the floor.

#### **Routine Cleaning**

Clean-up spills as soon as possible. The potential for staining will increase the longer a contaminant remains in contact with the floor.

Our recommended maintenance program consists of frequent and thorough cleanings utilizing [L&M™ FGS CONCRETE CONDITIONER™](#). Frequency of washing will vary, as it may be necessary daily, weekly, or less frequently depending on floor usage and age.

**Daily** or as needed, sweep, dry dust mop, and/or damp mop the floor.

**Weekly or More Frequent** cleaning can be done using an auto-scrubber or cotton mop and [L&M™ FGS CONCRETE CONDITIONER™](#) dilute as necessary for floor conditions. Normal dilution is 1-1.5 oz/gal (8-11 ml/L) of water at 4 oz. (118 mL) per 1 gallon (3.8 L) of warm water.

- Apply with a damp mop, sponge, or appropriate professional cleaning equipment.
- Clean entire area changing cleaning solution often to ensure that soil is not redeposited.
- Scrub surface lightly and remove any excess cleaner. No need to rinse.
- Repeat if necessary for heavily soiled areas.
- Let area dry completely before traffic resumes.
- For high traffic areas, an auto scrubber should be used on main aisle ways a minimum of three times per week and secondary aisles should be done one to two times per week or more if needed.

Many building owners find that a mechanical walk-behind or ride-on scrubber is the most efficient and economical means of regularly cleaning their floors.

Soft scrubbing pads or soft brush attachments should be used when mechanically scrubbing your floor. Do not use aggressive abrasive pads or brushes. The use of black scrubbing pads or “nylo-grit” type brushes may dull the surface gloss.

Wet mops work well on small floors or places where a mechanical scrubber will not fit.

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