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## **Product Guide Specification for Maintenance Super-Krete Specification M-1**

### **Maintenance & Proper Care of Interior & Exterior**

#### **Super-Krete Decorative Cementitious Overlayments**

Cleaning, maintaining and re-sealing your Super-Krete surface should be done on a regular basis as with other flooring such as hardwood. The frequency of the maintenance will depend on the amount of exposure and frequency of traffic to cars, foot traffic, environment, water and any chemicals the surface is exposed to. The benefit of a good maintenance program will be a beautiful surface that remains aesthetically appealing after it was installed.

Proper maintenance and cleaning of your Super-Krete surfaces (i.e. sealers) should be part of a regular program designed for both the enjoyment and beauty of your home, business or facility and for maintaining the value of it. Cleaning the sealed surfaces is a crucial part of the maintenance program. Proper maintenance of the sealer will extend the life of the sealer/stain and also provide a long-lasting, attractive, clean surface. Any stains, soils, dirt, grease or laitance should be removed immediately to not penetrate the sealer and potentially be a permanent stain or abrasion. It is recommended that all objects in exposure with the surface are equipped with rubber wheels or legs. Please note that any heavy metal or sharp object that could potentially pierce through the sealer may cause damage to the subsurface. Therefore, dragging heavy metal objects such as ladders or stands across the floor must be avoided.

#### **Interior Floor Maintenance & Protection**

Interior floors including but not limited to homes, restaurants, hotels, commercial and industrial surfaces require proper maintenance and care for long-term service. Interior floors shall be sealed with two to three applications of S-8900 Two Part Urethane Sealer (outside of CA (San Diego County okay)) or Supra-Seal™ (a solvent-based acrylic/lacquer sealer) to create a hard, durable protective finish followed by a minimum of six applications of a good buff-on or mop-on wax. The waxing process will assist in the protection against scratches, stains, scuffing and other blemishes. All sealers will likely lose their luster or shine after cleaning and normal wear or heavy traffic. Waxing allows the surface to be re-waxed or buffed to the original shine.

For cleaning of surfaces, Super-Krete recommends Super-Scrub™, a non-lotion biodegradable cleaner. Super-Scrub comes in a concentrated form and has a mixing ratio of (1 part Super-Scrub mixed with 20 parts clean water). Mix the solution by stirring and apply by mop. Rinse with clean water. Super-Scrub can be used with commercial cleaning machinery. Always use a light-duty pad when using commercial scrubbing and rinsing machines.

Super-Krete's decorative cementitious overlayments must be protected in the same manner as any other hard surface finish. Do not drag sharp objects across the surface and use protective rubber fittings on all furniture, appliances and other hard objects coming in contact with the surface. Super-Krete recommends all commercial floors receive six applications of carnuba wax.

#### **Exterior Surface Maintenance & Protection**

Exterior surfaces such as, but not limited to driveways, patios, pool decks, walkways, landings, decks and drive-thrus require various types of sealers depending upon the use of the surface. To determine the appropriate sealer for use on your project, refer to Super-Krete Specification S-2 Selecting The Right Sealer. The life of protective sealers is based upon use and cleanliness. Fine dust particles on the surface create a sanding affect,



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so periodic washing with clean water is recommended. Super-Krete sealers wear well, but resealing should take place approximately every 2 years depending upon use. For cleaning of oil, tire markings and other petroleum products Super-Krete recommends Heavy-Duty Degreaser™ a high-pH citrus cleaning agent. Spray or pour Heavy Duty Degreaser onto the surface and scrub using a soft-bristled industrial broom. Allow to set on the surface for approximately 30 minutes and rinse thoroughly with clean water. When water blasting, use a maximum 1,500 psi pressure only. Tire marks can be removed using Super-Krete Heavy Duty Degreaser.

Water from swimming pools and tap water contains chemicals. Those chemicals typically leave white spots and/or discolor the surface. This is referred to as "efflorescence". Efflorescence should be removed as soon as possible. Removal can be accomplished by using a solution of 1 lb. of Tri-sodium Phosphate (TSP) mixed with 5 gallons of clean water. Pour the mixture onto the surface and scrub using a stiff-bristled industrial broom, and rinse thoroughly at high pressure with a hose or water blaster. Protective shields can be placed on sprinkler heads to divert water from surfaces to avoid staining. Surfaces that are properly maintained can appear to be brand new if they are properly maintained.

### **WARNINGS:**

1. When cleaning, use a standard water hose with nozzle. **Do not** clean surfaces sealed with Super-Krete sealers mechanically by using a high-pressure power-washer or floor buffer.
2. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning agents or acidic cleaners such as TSP/TSP substitutes for general cleaning. Over time, cleaning agents, chemicals and "floor cleaners" erode the surface of the sealers causing them to wear faster.

The only product that is recommended as safe for general and medium duty cleaning of Super-Krete sealers is S-200 Super-Scrub.