518 COATINGS

Don’t replace it, reface it.

518 Coatings Care Instructions – Flake Floor

Care Instructions · Keep with your agreement and warranties

This sheet is for your flake floor: a colored base coat, a full layer of decorative flakes, and a clear, tough topcoat. Please follow it from the moment our crew finishes. We will go over it with you again at the final walkthrough. It does not change the agreement you signed.

Your Cure Timeline

What you want to do	Wait at least
Light use: walking in socks or clean, soft-soled shoes	**36 hours**
Water: mopping, wet cleaning, or anything wet sitting on it	**48 hours**
Normal use: everyday walking, light items, and pets	**7 days**
Furniture, appliances, and heavy foot traffic	**7 days**
Vehicles (garages)	**7 days; let hot tires cool first**
Full cure: full hardness and chemical resistance	**7 days**

All times count from when our crew finishes and are based on a room at about 70 to 77°F. Cold rooms can make curing take up to twice as long. If the weather changes your timeline, we will tell you.

Your dates: Light use on _____ · Water OK on _____ · Full use on _____

While It Cures

- **Keep dust down.** Until the floor is dry to the touch (6 to 8 hours), keep nearby windows and doors closed, and leave any vent covers or plastic our crew put up in place. Do not run fans that blow across the surface. Do not sweep, sand, saw, or do other dusty work nearby until the light-use time has passed.
- **Keep insects and debris off.** Keep doors closed and screens shut. If a garage or outside door must stay open, turn off nearby lights at night, since they draw insects. If a bug, leaf, or hair lands on the wet surface, do not pick at it. Email us a photo instead.
- **Keep kids and pets off.** No one walks on the floor before the light-use time. Keep pets and children off completely until then, and hold off on pet play, crates, bowls, and kids’ ride-on toys until the normal-use time.
- **Keep it dry.** No mopping, wet mats, or spills left sitting until the water time has passed. If something spills, blot it with a dry paper towel.
- **Furniture waits.** Put furniture and appliances back only after the furniture time, with felt pads or protectors under the feet. Carry items in; do not slide them.
- **Fresh air.** A new coating can smell for a day or two. Once the surface is dry to the touch, open a window away from it or run an exhaust fan. A lighter smell does not mean it is ready; use the times above.

Everyday Cleaning

Sweep or dust-mop often, daily in busy areas, so grit does not get ground in. A daily routine keeps the floor looking its best.

Once the water time has passed, wash with a soft mop and warm water. For more cleaning power, add a little pH-neutral floor cleaner or a few drops of mild dish soap. Rinse if it leaves a film, and dry any puddles.

Do

- Use walk-off mats at entry doors, and pads under kickstands and jack stands.
- Put felt pads under chair and table feet.
- Wipe up oil, salt, brake fluid, and food spills the same day.
- In winter, sweep up rock salt and rinse the area with plain water.

Don’t

- Bleach, vinegar, citrus cleaners, ammonia, solvents, or harsh degreasers.
- Steel wool, scouring pads, or a steam mop.
- Wax or polish.
- Dragging furniture, grills, ladders, or toolboxes; metal snow shovels and ice choppers.
- Heat above 150°F for long periods, or above 200°F even briefly. Keep space heaters, heat guns, welding, and hot equipment off the floor.
- Wet mats or standing water left for days.

What Can Void Your Warranty

Following this sheet keeps your 518 Coatings Limited Lifetime Workmanship Warranty in effect. These can void coverage for the **affected area** (Section 6 of that warranty):

- Using the surface, or letting water, furniture, or vehicles on it, before the times above.
- Damage or marks during the cure, including from dust, debris, insects, pets, or children.
- Harsh chemicals, unapproved cleaners, or heat beyond the limits above.
- Impact, gouges, cutting, or dragging heavy or sharp items.
- Anyone other than 518 Coatings altering, recoating, patching, or repairing the surface.
- Leaks, moisture, or movement in the structure below that are not fixed promptly.

The coating materials carry the Manufacturer-Backed Material Warranty, which has its own similar exclusions.

Questions or Problems?

Email **info@518coatings.org** and include your estimate number. If you notice a problem, tell us in writing within 30 days, with the subject line “Warranty Claim” and two clear photos. Please do not try to fix it yourself first. We will reply within 5 business days.

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