518 COATINGS

Don’t replace it, reface it.

518 Coatings Care Instructions – Flake Shower

Care Instructions · Keep with your agreement and warranties

This sheet is for your flake shower. The walls and base are still curing after we finish, and water is the biggest risk in the first week. 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: touching the walls or stepping in, dry	**36 hours**
Water: running water, showering, or wet cleaning	**7 days**
Normal use: showering every day	**7 days**
Mats, caddies, shelves, or anything leaning on the walls	**7 days**
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 shower 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 out.** Keep children and pets out of the shower and away from the walls until the full 7 days have passed.
- **Keep it dry.** No running water, showering, or wet cleaning for 7 days. Keep the door or curtain open and run the bathroom fan so the shower stays dry and fresh.
- **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

After the 7-day water time, rinse the walls and base after each use and squeegee or wipe them dry. Once a week, wash with warm water and a little pH-neutral cleaner or mild dish soap, then rinse well.

Do

- Run the fan during and after showers.

- Squeegee or wipe the walls after use to limit soap and hard-water buildup.
- Use free-standing or over-the-head caddies instead of adhesive hooks, and ask us before mounting anything on the walls.

Don’t

- Running water or showering before 7 days.
- Bleach, vinegar, citrus cleaners, ammonia, or harsh scrubs.
- Abrasive pads, steel wool, or a steam cleaner.
- Leaning ladders or sharp tools on the walls; hanging wet towels on the walls before 7 days.
- Standing water left in the base.

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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