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# Care & Maintenance Sheet 12 Concrete Effect Panels

## 1 Maintenance

Depending on location, Concrete-Effect panels may require periodic dusting of the surface using a soft dry duster. The interval between removal of the dust will depend upon the local circumstances but should be carried out at least annually. A vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment can also be used to remove the surface dust.

## 2 Cleaning Surface Dirt and Grime

The quickest and simplest way of removing small areas of surface grime and finger marks is to rub the affected area with a pencil eraser. The eraser will remove all but the most stubborn surface marks without affecting the surface in any way.

Larger areas will need to be cleaned with soapy water. First damp down the surface with just water but try **not to disturb the dirt**. When the surface is wet, **then** clean it with a mixture of water and mild detergent. Wetting the surface first will minimise the amount of dirty water absorbed into the surface.

**Under no circumstances use acid-based cleaners for this process, as they may cause permanent damage.**

## 3 Cleaning Scuff Marks

If the surface has been scuffed with a shoe or plastic item and cannot be removed with a pencil rubber, try the following method:

Take some masking tape and press it firmly onto the affected area and then pull directly off.

Repeat this process 2 or 3 times or until the mark has been removed.

## 4 Stubborn Marks

If you are unable to remove any mark using a pencil rubber or masking tape, it may be necessary to lightly sand the surface in the affected area.

Sand the surface lightly with a fine grade sandpaper to achieve the required surface sheen level. Do not sand heavily in a small area as this may cause a dip and try to avoid sanding too far into the surface as this will expose a greater amount of background material and may affect the pattern.

## 5 Damaged Areas

Contact Armourcoat on the number below and arrange for us to do repairs or to re-seal the surface.

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