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Care & Maintenance Sheet 8 Ductal with Sealer 56 and Eco Wax

1 Maintenance

Depending on location, Ductal may require periodic dusting of the surface using a soft dry duster. The frequency of the dusting will depend upon 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. A reapplication of Eco Wax may be needed over time. Every 12 months is recommended for light use objects and every 3 months for objects that undergo heavy use.

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. The surface may need a light buff or re-wax to restore the surface sheen.

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. Do not allow water to pond on the surface as this may produce water spots.

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 the marks using a pencil rubber or masking tape, a very fine abrasive pad or cleaner can be used. This will almost certainly affect the surface sheen as the abrasive pad or cleaner will actually wear away the wax and sealer. Light pressure should be used initially, only increasing pressure if required. Prolonged cleaning using an abrasive pad or cleaner may remove the surface coating entirely. Cleaning trials should be carried out on the least visible area.

If none of the previously mentioned cleaning methods are effective the surface may be lightly sanded with a fine grade of sandpaper to remove the mark, however, this should be done with extreme caution. Sanding the surface may actually remove the objects cast surface layer and expose aggregate or fibres in the finish which may appear different to the un-sanded surface. Sanding heavily in a small area may also cause a dip in the surface.

5 Re-application

After cleaning, the Eco Wax coating may need to be reapplied evenly with a soft cloth and then buffed back with a clean cloth 5 minutes later.

After sanding the surface will need to be resealed with Sealer 56. Re-sealing the surface is a specialist operation and the repair may still be visible.

Contact Armourcoat on the number above to arrange for purchase of Eco Wax or for Armourcoat to re-seal the surface.

6 Damaged Areas

Contact Armourcoat on the number above to advise or arrange repairs.