

# NeverStrip

FLOOR COATINGS

## High Build Coatings and Systems Cleaning and Maintenance

NeverStrip High Build Coatings and Systems provide an attractive, easy to maintain surface. These coatings can provide years of quality performance in demanding and even harsh commercial and industrial flooring environments.

NeverStrip offers a number of High Build Coatings and Systems including:

**NeverStrip Extreme Performance**  
**NeverStrip Epoxy 100 (Clear and Color)**  
**NeverStrip Double Broadcast Quartz System**  
**NeverStrip Single Broadcast Sand System**

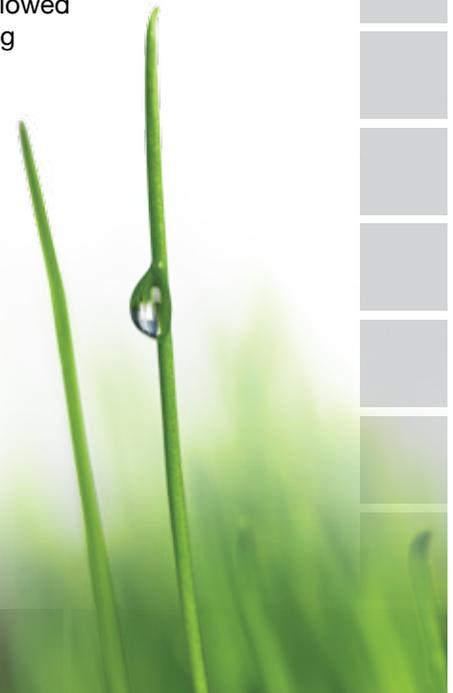
- NeverStrip's High Build Coatings and Systems are the most durable of NeverStrip's family of coatings.
- These products/systems provide durable, hard, non-porous films, which keep soil and particulate from penetrating and allow soil and marks to be easily removed.

### Cleaning and Maintenance Procedures

**Keeping the floor clean is the MOST IMPORTANT cleaning and maintenance practice to achieve the desired daily appearance and length of time between recoats.**

- The most critical procedure for keeping the floor clean is to **AGITATE** the floor with water or a cleaning solution with water using an appropriate pad or brush followed by **EXTRACTION**. The agitation suspends the soil in the water/cleaning solution and the extraction removes the soil from the flooring surface. Removal of the soil prevents it from settling back onto the floor.
- The **AGITATION** can be done in many ways including:
  - 1) manually with a deck brush or
  - 2) with a 175-RPM floor machine and an appropriate pad or
  - 3) with an Astro Turf pad with a oscillating floor machine such as a Square Scrub ([www.squarescrub.com/](http://www.squarescrub.com/)); or 4) by employing an auto scrubber with brushes or an appropriate pad.
- Extraction should immediately follow agitation. Extraction can be done in many ways including: 1) a high quality, commercial wet vac with squeegee or wand or 2) an auto scrubber or 3) a portable or truck mounted rinse and reclaim system.

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- The optimal and most efficient method of agitating and extracting a NeverStrip coated floor is with an appropriate sized auto scrubber with brushes or white pad. This approach agitates and extracts in one step. It is the most labor efficient method and reduces the possible hazard of wet floors.
- Examples of various sized, high quality auto scrubbers designed for commercial cleaning are: the Windsor Blade ([www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=80](http://www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=80)); the Windsor Pivot ([www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=1486](http://www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=1486)) and Windsor Chariot ([www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=1516](http://www.windsorind.com/ViewCategories.aspx?Pid=1516))
- Clean the floor daily with a clean microfiber pad or 3M Easy Trap Duster to remove loose soil, debris, hair, lint, etc.
- A traditional dust mop is not recommended, since it quickly becomes full and ineffective.
- Cotton string mop use is discouraged and not recommended. Traditional cotton string mops are highly ineffective cleaning methods.
- Clean the floor daily or as needed with NeverStrip's Neutral Cleaner properly diluted with water.
- Use a degreaser cleaner in replacement of the neutral cleaner when grease and oils need to be removed from the floor.
- Spills are best removed quickly to minimize their staining or damage to the coating, especially with substances such as beta dyne, brake fluid and battery acid.
- The products do not need to be stripped in their normal life cycle and may not be strippable.

### **Additional Cleaning and Maintenance Procedures for NeverStrip's High Build Coatings**

#### **Chair, Table, Furniture Glides and Wheels**

NeverStrip glides should be applied and maintained on all moveable chairs, tables, fixtures and other furniture to protect the coatings from unnecessary abuse and scratching. NeverStrip's glide catalog is at [www.neverstrip.com/glides.htm](http://www.neverstrip.com/glides.htm).

Urethane caster wheels are best for chairs, carts, etc. Rubber wheels also work well. Plastic wheels can be damaging to the coatings and are best replaced with urethane or rubber wheels.

#### **Alcohol Hand Sanitizers**

NeverStrip's coatings are resistant to many alcohol based hand sanitizers. Some hand sanitizer products can soften and damage the coatings, especially after repeated exposure from a dripping hand sanitizer unit. Test the facility's hand sanitizer product prior to application for compatibility.

Using non-alcohol based hand sanitizer products and/or drip mats, catch trays and/or placing hand sanitizers over counters/sinks are recommended practices.

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## Matting

A proper matting system will extend the life of NeverStrip's coatings.

An outside "scraper" mat followed by a "capture matting system" at all entrances is best. This matting combination will remove a dramatic amount of particulate, soil and grit from shoes and keep the materials off of the coatings.

A matting system capturing grit, by having a lower area for the soil and grit to fall is most effective. A Best Practice is to have at least 25 feet of indoor matting or "Capture Tile Squares". Properly cleaning the matting system is an important practice to produce the "best" results.

## Tape

It is best not to apply tape onto NeverStrip's coatings. If tape must be applied use a "light adhesive" tape and always verify its compatibility with the coatings before widespread use. 3M Delicate Surface (#2080) is often a good choice.

## Other

Stickers, gum, crayon and tape may be successfully removed from the coatings by using Goo Gone Cleaner, which softens the material prior to removal. After softening, use a saturated rag and/or plastic scraper to remove the material from the coating.

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