



**EPOXYSHIELD® GARAGE FLOOR  
UNIVERSAL TINT BASE**

**DESCRIPTION AND USES**

EpoxyShield® Water-based Epoxy Garage Floor Coating is a two component, water-based epoxy floor coating designed for finishing concrete garage floors that are in good sound condition and are free of curing agents and sealers. It is not intended for use on unsound previous coatings or floors that have a moisture problem.

Dries to a gloss finish. This tint base can be tinted at the paint counter to 27 different colors.

**PRODUCT FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- Drive on in 3 days
- No hot tire pick-up
- Abrasion & chemical resistant
- 1 coat application
- Provides an easy to clean showroom quality appearance
- Waterproofing sealer

**PRODUCT**

SKU	DESCRIPTION (Gloss)
359009	Universal Tint Base

**KIT CONTENTS**

- Part B (Base) 90.5 fluid ounces (2.67 Liters)
- Part A (Activator) 27.5 fluid ounces (813 mL)
- Decorative Chips
- Concrete Etch
- Instruction Sheet
- Stir Stick

**OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED (not included)**

- Stiff bristle broom or scrub brush
- Roller frame, tray, 3/8" nap cover
- Extension pole
- Squeegee (for the most effective cleaning and to speed drying)

**PRODUCT APPLICATION**

**IMPORTANT: Read the printed kit instructions completely before starting your project.**

**PAINTING CONDITIONS**

**DO NOT PAINT IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXISTS:**

**Sealed Concrete** - Drip a small amount of water onto the floor. If the water beads, a sealer is present and paint may not adhere properly. Sealer has to be removed before proceeding.

**PRODUCT APPLICATION (cont.)**

**PAINTING CONDITIONS (cont.)**

**Poorly Bonded Paint** – Remove any loose paint by sanding and scraping. Test the adhesion of the remaining paint on the surface by doing the following. With a single-edged razor blade, cut an X through the coating and down to the concrete. Apply a 4" piece of duct tape over the X and press firmly. Then remove the tape with one quick pull. If more than 25% of the paint comes off, **DO NOT** coat the floor with EpoxyShield Universal Tint Base until the old paint is completely removed.

**WARNING!** If you scrape, sand or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. **LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE.** Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

**Moisture in the Concrete** - Apply a 2' x 2' sheet of plastic (such as a heavy-duty garbage bag or 1 gallon plastic storage bag) to an area of the bare concrete garage floor. Tape down the edges with duct tape and allow to set for 24 hours. If water droplets appear on the inside of the plastic or if concrete appears wet (darker in color), moisture is trapped in the concrete and Rust-Oleum® Moisture Stop should be used prior to applying a coating.

**Loose/Damaged Concrete** - If the concrete is loose, chipping (spalled), the coating will not perform properly. Repair damaged areas before applying EpoxyShield Universal Tint Base.

**SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Preparation is critical to performance.**

Allow newly poured concrete to cure for a minimum of 28 days prior to coating. Remove oil spots with a scrub brush and Rust-Oleum Heavy Duty Degreaser or Rust-Oleum Cleaner & Degreaser (sold separately). Scrub thoroughly, then rinse. Repeat as necessary to completely clean.

**PREVIOUSLY COATED FLOORS:** Make sure the floor is clean and dry. Use a wire brush to remove any loose or peeling paint or stain. If floor is sealed, the sealer will have to be removed. To ensure proper adhesion, scuff sand the entire surface.

**BARE CONCRETE:** Concrete Etch - Mix one bag of concrete etch per two gallons of water (do not add concrete etch directly to paint). Mix until dissolved. This solution contains a mild citric acid.



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**PRODUCT APPLICATION (cont.)**

**SURFACE PREPARTION (cont.)**

BARE CONCRETE (cont.): **Note: Do not use** muriatic acid. For best results, use a plastic watering can to evenly distribute solution. If product will be used on a basement floor, do not use etch. Instead, prepare floor with TSP solution or TSP substitute.

Pre-wet the floor using a hose. Remove pooled water with a squeegee or broom to avoid leaving puddles. Floor should be damp but not wet. Spread the etch mixture over a 10' x 10' section of the floor. Scrub vigorously with a stiff bristle brush to loosen dust and dirt. While working, keep the entire section wet until the entire section has been etched and rinsed. Rinse each section thoroughly before starting the next section. For best results, use a rubber squeegee to remove the rinse water from the surface and to move dirt and contaminants out of the garage. Repeat twice before continuing to the next section.

Once all sections are completed, rinse and squeegee the entire garage floor to remove any etch that has been tracked on previously etched areas. A wet/dry vacuum can also be used to eliminate excess water, dirt and contaminants. Do not leave pooled water on the floor. The etch will not discolor driveways or harm grass or plants if rinsed thoroughly. Wipe your fingers over the clean, dry floor. If you see any dust or powder on your fingers, repeat the rinsing & scrubbing until the floor is clean. If your fingers remain clean, continue to the next step. Allow the floor to dry completely.

**Note:** If the floor is not thoroughly cleaned and rinsed, the coating may not adhere properly.

**MIXING**

DO NOT mix the decorative paint chips with EpoxyShield Universal Tint Base. If multiple kits are being used, all Part B's (base) should be mixed together in one 5 gallon plastic pail to ensure consistency in color. Prior to emptying each can, insert a clean paint stirring stick to determine how much paint is in the can, then mark the paint stirring stick with a pen at the fill level. You will be refilling each gallon can after you mix, so it is very important that you fill each can back up to the original fill level.

Pour all Part B's (base) into a 5 gallon plastic pail and mix until homogeneous in color. Pour mixture back into gallon cans and fill to previous fill level, using the paint stirring stick as a guide. Replace lid until ready to mix with Part A (activator). Do not mix more than one kit at a time. Pour all of Part A into Part B and stir thoroughly for at least 3 minutes.

**PRODUCT APPLICATION (cont.)**

**MIXING (cont.)**

(Note: Parts A and B must be mixed as stated.) See charts on next page for appropriate application times and pot life. Do not leave container in direct sunlight. Mix again before applying. To ensure even gloss and color, the coating must be applied within the times stated on the charts.

**Note:** When concrete is coated, it typically produces a smoother surface than bare concrete and can become slippery when wet. To create a slip resistant surface, add Rust-Oleum Anti-Skid Additive (sold separately) to the mixed coating prior to application (follow directions on package for use), or top coat with EpoxyShield Premium Clear Floor Coating with the Anti-Skid Additive included.

**APPLICATION**

Apply only when air, material, and surface temperatures are between 60-85°F (15-29°C) and the surface temperature is at least 5°F (3°C) above the dew point. The relative humidity should not be greater than 85%. After allowing for the induction period, cut in the perimeter of the floor along the wall, or other areas where a roller cannot reach, using a brush or edger before beginning roller application. Use a synthetic 3/8" nap roller cover on a 9" roller frame to apply an even coat of EpoxyShield Universal Tint Base onto the surface. Limit the application to 4x4 foot (1.2m x 1.2m) sections at a time to make it easier to distribute the colored chips onto the freshly coated surface. Broadcast the decorative chips up and away from you so they land flat on the wet paint, then continue on to the next section. **Note:** Fresh paint can be applied over the loose chips lying outside the previously painted area. Maintain a wet edge to prevent lap marks and gloss differences. Only one coat is necessary under most circumstances. EpoxyShield Universal Tint Base must be used within 1 to 2 hours of initial mixing.

**DRY TIME**

Dry time is based on 70°F and 50% relative humidity. Allow more time at cooler temperatures. The surface should be ready for light foot traffic in 12-16 hours. Allow 24-48 hours before placing heavy items and for normal foot traffic. Allow 3 days for full cure and vehicle traffic.

**CLEAN-UP**

Wash tools and equipment with warm water and a mild detergent immediately after use. To remove dried product use lacquer thinner. Clean up drips or spatters IMMEDIATELY with water as dried paint is very difficult to remove. Properly dispose of all soiled rags.

	<b>TECHNICAL DATA</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ESH-48</b></span>
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**APPLICATION TIMES AND POT LIFE**

<b>If temperature is 60-70°F (16-21°C) Allow product to stand after mixing</b>	
Start brushing (trimming edges):	30 minutes after mixing
Start rolling:	45 minutes after mixing
Use all mixed product within (pot life):	2 hours after mixing
Best time to paint is mid-afternoon (after 1 PM) to ensure best curing conditions and maximum pot life	

<b>If temperature is 71-80°F (22-27°C) Allow product to stand after mixing</b>	
Start brushing (trimming edges):	10 minutes after mixing
Start rolling:	15 minutes after mixing
Use all mixed product within (pot life):	1.5 hours after mixing
Best time to paint is early morning (before 9 AM) to ensure best curing conditions and maximum pot life	

<b>If temperature is 81-85° (27-29°C) Allow product to stand after mixing</b>	
Start brushing (trimming edges):	Immediately after mixing
Start rolling:	5-15 minutes after mixing
Use all mixed product within (pot life):	1 hour after mixing
Best time to paint is early morning (before 9 AM) to ensure best curing conditions and maximum pot life	

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**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

		WATER-BASED EPOXY GARAGE FLOOR COATING
<b>Resin Type</b>		Amine Cured Epoxy
<b>Solvents</b>		Ethylene Glycol Monopropyl Ether, Water
<b>Weight</b>	<b>Per Gallon</b>	10.20–10.40 lbs.
	<b>Per Liter</b>	1.22–1.25 kg.
<b>Solids</b>	<b>By Weight</b>	62.0-65.0%
	<b>By Volume</b>	53.0–56.0%
<b>Volatile Organic Compounds</b>		<50 g/l (0.42 lbs./gal.)
<b>Mixing Ratio</b>		3.29:1 (Base to Activator by volume)
<b>Induction Period</b>		Varies with temperature (See chart on page 3)
<b>Pot Life @ 70-80°F (21-27°C) and 50% Relative Humidity</b>		Varies with temperature (See chart on page 3)
<b>Recommended Dry Film Thickness (DFT) per Coat</b>		3.0-3.5 mils (75-87.5μ)
<b>Wet Film to Achieve DFT (Unthinned material)</b>		6.0-7.0 mils (150-175μ)
<b>Practical Coverage at Recommended DFT (assumes 15% material loss)</b>		Approximately 250 sq. ft. (6.2 m <sup>2</sup> /l)
<b>Dry Times based on 70-80°F (21-27°C) and 50% Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Recoat</b>	24 hours minimum and 72 hours maximum
	<b>Foot Traffic</b>	24 hours
	<b>Vehicle Traffic</b>	72 hours
	<b>Full Cure</b>	7 days
<b>Shelf Life</b>		5 years
<b>Flash Point</b>		>200°F (93°C) Activated material
<b>Safety Information</b>		For additional information, see SDS

Calculated values may vary slightly from the actual manufactured material.

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