



What needs to be considered in the selection of a Commercial Kitchen Floor Protection System?

Inherently food safe

All floor and wall protection systems must be inherently food safe and chemically inert. They must not support microbial activity or taint food stuffs.

Contamination prevention - seamless continuity

Cleaning and sanitising eliminates contamination. For this to be effective, floors should be seamless, mechanically strong, and chemically and microbially inert. Over time, kitchen floors and walls can become eroded, cracked, decomposed and unhygienic. These surfaces are more difficult to clean or sanitize, and may no longer be safe. New standards specify the finish requirements, so care should be exercised in selecting protection systems.

Safety under foot but still easy to clean

Standards specify the slip factors for various environments. But are they easy to clean?

New systems are available that offer both.

• Design life - budget compliance

The first important question to ask when selecting a food and beverage protection system is - What is the required design life - 2, 5, 10 or 20 years?

And, is frequent or regular maintenance feasible? It is virtually impossible to keep any concrete structure from cracking. Without proper protection, these cracks become the routes through which moisture, food, bacteria and other chemicals can begin the degradation process on concrete remarkably quickly. The specification must meet the agreed design life and the intended maintenance-free period.

• Practical application characteristics

The particular needs of the structure including the practical aspects of access and application are important considerations in any project. EpiMax supplies protection systems that can be applied by spray or roller in thicknesses of 150 - 3000 microns per pass.

Trowel applied systems can achieve 75 mm thickness.

Our systems are self priming.

• Chemical and mechanical performance

The chemical and mechanical performance requirements including impact and abrasion resistance must be addressed. Any protection system applied to concrete must exhibit excellent adhesion and have a bond strength that exceeds the tensile strength of concrete.

• Sustainability - whole of life

Sustainability is related to the quality of life in a community -- whether the economic, social and environmental systems that make up the community are providing a healthy, productive, meaningful life for all community residents, present and future. With regard to concrete protection systems, sustainability should consider the "whole product life cycle". This includes production, application, service life and disposal. Volatile Organic Content (VOC) is an important measure of a flooring system's environmental impact. Our products meet or exceed the requirements of IEQ.13.1, Green Star Office Interiors, Indoor Environment Quality. We are a member of the Green Building Council of Australia. Yet a low VOC level is not all that is required to make a coating sustainable. The arithmetic of the application and the durability is very important. If the system lasts longer, it's even better.

Underperforming systems will always have greater environmental impact due to re-installation costs (surface preparation grinding energy, disposal and then the impact of the re-application itself).



As concerns over prepared food safety and security grow, commercial kitchen operators must consistently and cost-effectively produce higher quality products.

While it may not be obvious at first, the demands on commercial kitchen floors are great. These basic demands are due to constant foot traffic, contamination by hot oil and organic fats and the action of harsh cleaning chemicals. These can soon lead to floors that are unhygienic and unsafe. This process occurs over years, months or even weeks depending upon the durability of the floor surface itself.

This process can quickly result in an unhygienic floor, one that may not meet the strict industry OH&S standards. Commercial kitchen operators must recognize how strict these particular standards are.

According to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, floors must:

- Be inherently food safe
- Meet WHS requirements & HAACP concepts
- Be able to be effectively cleaned
- Be resistant to grease, food particles and water
- Be laid so that there is no ponding of water

There should still be an aesthetic appeal to the overall facility. EpiMax has a range of products that look good and present commercial kitchens with a hygienic, chemically inert and slip resistant floor surface.

EpiMax is your source for the latest proven developments in sustainable performance protection systems. This is all we do. Our systems build on break-through technologies (extreme chemically resistant third generation epoxy novolac chemistry, high performance water based chemistry, new polyaspartic chemistry). At EpiMax, we pride ourselves in the chemical technology of the systems we offer, the knowledge value involved in their use and our overall responsiveness.

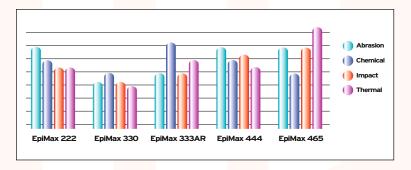
EpiMax has built its reputation on a construction engineering foundation. Our experience has been forged on an impressive variety of civil, environmental, industrial, mining, defence and general services construction. This success has been proven through partnerships with forward-thinking architects, consultants, engineers, application contractors, project managers and materials testing agencies. We believe in teamwork, respect and integrity.

Our primary focus is

- Floor Protection Systems
- Commercial Kitchen Floor Protection Systems
- Industrial Concrete Protection Systems
- Green Star Protection Systems
- Water and Wastewater Processing Protection Systems
- Foundation Protection Systems
- Extreme CAT (Corrosion, Abrasion and Thermal) Protection Systems

EpiMax: Expertise Applied, Answers Delivered

System Performance Chart



Applications Restaurants Theme parks Nursing homes Hotels Boarding schools Bistros Fast food outlets Services clubs Event catering facilities Retirement villages Airline flight catering Training schools Cool rooms and freezers Hospitals Resorts Palliative care Sports facilities and sports club facilities Cruise ships



Exceptional two-pack solventless epoxy flooring system demonstrating excellent adhesion and general durability.

- Trowel application to 5+ mm
- Resistant to a wide range of harsh chemicals and cleaners
- Certified traction levels available
- Anti-microbial formulation
- Tough and abrasion-resistant; excellent for heavy traffic
- Ideal for wet areas, ramps etc

EpiMax 330

New two-pack solventless high build epoxy flooring system demonstrating excellent adhesion and general durability.

- Roller or airless spray application to 500 microns
- Resistant to a wide range of harsh chemicals and cleaners
- Non-tainting to food stuffs during application
- Anti-microbial formulation
- Variable slip resistance available
- Wide range of colours

EpiMax 330 Express

A rapid hardening two-pack solventless high build epoxy flooring system demonstrating excellent adhesion and general durability.

- Roller or airless spray application to 500 microns
- Rapid return to service
- Resistant to a wide range of harsh chemicals and cleaners
- Non-tainting to food stuffs during application
- Anti-microbial formulation
- Variable slip resistance available

EpiMax 333AR

A two-pack high solids novolac coating system demonstrating outstanding chemical resistance and adhesion.

- Roller or airless spray application to 300 microns in two coats
- Self priming
- Highly resistant to splashes and spills of harsh chemicals
- Also selected for higher temperature applications
- Variable slip resistance available
- Potable water approved

EpiMax 333WB

A fast hardening two-pack water based epoxy flooring system that provides excellent protection to all forms of concrete. This system can be used to prepare easy-clean floor and wall surfaces for a wide range of applications.

- Roller or airless spray application to 350 microns
- Fast return to service
- Hazmat free chemistry
- Long lasting durability
- Good adhesion to damp concrete
- Can be applied in non slip finish



EpiMax 444

The proven solution for tough industrial applications where end users want to eliminate floor maintenance problems and expense. This system provides a bright, durable, impervious and chemically resistant floor surface which is both hygienic and easy to clean.

- Professional application at between 2 4 mm
- Fast application minimal downtime
- Attractive finish
- Chemically resistant
- High mechanical strength
- Hygienic provides a dense, impervious, seamless floor surface



EpiMax 465

Industrial floor protection for areas with the highest mechanical demand. This system offers excellent thermal shock resistance and resistance to abrasion, mechanical stress and mid range chemical action. Installation is fast and placement is easy.

- Typically applied at between 4 5 mm
- Fast application minimal downtime
- Extreme mechanical performance
- Excellent temperature and thermal shock resistance
- Good chemical resistance
- Easy to clean and sterilise



EpiMax 777UHD

A high performance, gloss, two-pack solventless polyurethane coating that provides a durable gloss finish to coated and uncoated concrete.

- Thin film chemistry 150 microns
- Hazmat free chemistry
- Fast hardening
- Non yellowing, UV stabilised external applications
- Excellent scuff resistance
- Re-coatable



Case Study -Australia's Parliament House

The iconic Parliament House in Canberra ACT, required significant upgrades to all kitchen facilities. The project included demolition of the existing kitchens, layout changes and installation of new equipment and finishes throughout. An expert team involving Coffey Projects, ISIS and Guida Moseley Brown worked with the client, the Department of Parliamentary Services, to deliver this high profile project. The entire flooring system and integral coving were installed by ACT Concrete Restoration using EpiMax Floor Protection Systems, supplied by CE Industries.

Why is the design, construction and maintenance of commercial kitchens so important?

Trust is everything in food. All prepared food should be "trustworthy," in terms of where it came from - and everyone involved in the food supply chain should be accountable for their actions. From both logical and regulatory perspectives, sanitary conditions are essential during commercial kitchen processing. That pertains not only to equipment but also to the surroundings. Concrete is a remarkable material, but it has significant limitations in a sanitary environment. It has minimal chemical resistance and is porous. That makes it an ideal haven for contamination, bacteria and odour generation. Further, chemical washdown of equipment can be quite destructive to concrete. High performing seamless systems protect the concrete foundation and provide a sanitary barrier to contamination. Floors need to be maintained in a sound condition so that they can be kept clean. Integral coving is required. All surfaces in areas where food and beverages are handled must be capable of being effectively cleaned, disinfected and maintained in sound condition. All wet area flooring must allow for adequate drainage and no ponding. All flooring must meet the appropriate slip resistance standard.

All floor protection systems should be certified by the manufacturer as being to Food Grade Standard.

AS 4674:2004

Design, construction and fit-out of food premises

This standard specifies the selection and installation of food-safe floors. It controls flooring material composition, chemical resistance, installation and ease of cleaning.

The range of EpiMax Commercial Kitchen Flooring Systems complies with AS 4674:2004

AS/NZS 4586:2013

Slip resistance classification of new pedestrian surface materials

This Standard provides means of classifying flooring systems according to their frictional characteristics when determined in accordance with the test methods included. These test methods enable characteristics of surface materials to be determined in either wet or dry conditions. The test methods in this Standard shall be used for the classification of flooring for use in either the wet or the dry condition. The inclining ramp test methods are suitable for measuring the slip resistance of gratings, heavily profiled surfaces and resilient surfaces within the test laboratory environment. In the field, the most commonly accepted and specified method of measuring slip resistance is by use of the TRL Pendulum Tester incorporating a rubber slider.

The range of EpiMax Commercial Kitchen Flooring Systems has been tested to AS/NZS 4586:2013.

HB 197 An Introductory guide to the slip resistance of pedestrian surface materials.

This Handbook provides guidelines for the selection of slip-resistant flooring surfaces classified in accordance with AS/NZS 4586. It recommends the minimum floor surface classifications for a variety of facilities.





Environmentally sustainable



Resistance to abrasion and impact



Durable



High adhesion



Resistance to chemicals



Anti microbial



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