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YOUR AFTER CARE GUIDE



Firstly, on behalf of all of us here at Resindrives.co.uk, I would like to thank you for choosing us to install your new resin-bound surface. The following after care and maintenance information has been put together to help ensure that you enjoy the benefits of your resin-bound surface for many years to come.

Immediately after installation

- If you have chosen an ultra-violet stabilised resin (UVR) the surface should be safe to walk on after 6 to 8 hours. Vehicles should not be parked on the surface during the first 72 hours.
- If you have chosen a non-UVR resin the surface should be safe to walk on after 4-6 hours. Vehicles should not be parked on the surface during the first 48 hours.

The times stated above are guidelines and may differ as a result of ambient temperatures at the time of laying. We will endeavour to advise you of anticipated setting times during your installation.

A newly laid resin-bound surface will have a thin layer of resin covering the uppermost layer of gravel. This is a by-product of the mixing process and the gloss like sheen it creates is not permanent. This surface layer of resin will recede over time, exposing the natural stone beneath. This is a normal part of the process we call 'weathering' and it is normal for certain colours to appear slightly uneven whilst this process is taking place.

This layer of resin on the uppermost surface can sometimes cause the surface to be less tactile which can make the surface appear slippery. An anti-slip additive is applied to the surface as part of the laying process to minimise any risk of slipping however, care should be taken (particularly during the early life of the surface) in cold and/or wet conditions and on any part of the surface where there is a gradient.

Should you feel it necessary, rock salt can be applied evenly across the surface and left for up to 2 days before being thoroughly washed off. This will help accelerate the weathering of the uppermost surface and minimise any further risk of slipping.

Day to day maintenance

Your new resin-bound surface can be kept looking its best with the minimum of effort. We recommend the use of a domestic pressure washer (140 bar or less) to keep the surface clean. This can be done as and when required although 3 to 4 times per year is usually sufficient. As with any type of pressure washing,

it is advisable to keep the jet moving and don't hold the lance directly against the surface.

More stubborn grime can be brushed with soapy water prior to pressure washing. Household detergents such as washing up liquid are perfectly safe to use.

Spillages and stains

Spillages of any kind should be cleared and rinsed as soon as possible after they occur. Failure to do so may result in staining which cannot be easily removed.

Should a fuel or oil leak/spillage occur, it may be necessary to soak up any excess before rinsing. It is also likely that you will need to apply an oil stain remover to clean any discolouration. A number of our customers have reported successful results from a product called "Thompson's Oil and Drive Cleaner" which is widely available on-line and is also stocked by Homebase.

Solvents and other automotive fluids should be rinsed and washed immediately. Prolonged exposure to such substances may permanently damage the integrity of the surface.

Cement/concrete can generally be removed from surface using a mild hydrochloric acid solution. This can be purchased from diy stores/builders merchants and is usually referred to as brick acid or brick cleaner. Again, after its application the surface should be thoroughly rinsed as soon as possible.

Weeds, Moss and Algae

Whilst a resin-bound surface can offer some resistance to the build up of weeds, moss and/or algae, we do not guarantee that your surface will remain free of such things – a degree of maintenance will be required. Regular cleaning (as described earlier) will help, but the use of a weed killing treatment 2 to 3 times per year is recommended.

In our experience, the most effective treatment on the market is called "Gallup 360". This is available in varying quantities from Amazon and other on-line retailers. If you have pets you are advised to stick to products you are comfortable using, and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Do's and Don'ts

- **If you have builders or other contractors carrying out outdoor work at your property, it is advisable to cover the resin-bound surface(s) with boards/dustsheets if possible, to minimise the risk of accidental damage.**
- **Your resin-bound surface is designed to withstand the weight of domestic vehicles. Vehicles weighing over 5 tonnes should not be parked on or allowed to drive over the surface.**
- **Heavy, metallic objects such as waste skips may cause damage if they are placed on or dragged across the surface.**
- **Garden fires, wood burners and incinerators etc should be kept well away from your resin-bound surfaces.**
- **Snow should be cleared from the surface using a plastic snow shovel. Traditional metal spades may damage the surface. There are a number of widely available "ice-melt" products on the market which are not salt-based. These tend to be most effective for use on a resin-bound surface.**

If you are in any doubt or have encountered a situation not covered in this guide, the staff here at Resindrives.co.uk will be happy to help you with your enquiry.

In the event of your surface(s) developing a fault or of any accidental damage occurring, please contact Resindrives.co.uk at your earliest convenience. In such circumstances we will usually arrange for a surveyor to inspect and assess the situation before any other action is taken.

Resindrives.co.uk also offers a comprehensive range of aftersales products and services, designed to help ensure you continue to enjoy your resin-bound surfaces for many years to come. These range from cleaning and maintenance products, to cosmetic enhancements. Please contact us for further details.

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