

**No-Nonsense
Guide to
Selecting
A Concrete
Protection
System**

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How To Select A Concrete Protection System

Product - Do not accept a universal coating system or overlay that is specified for all areas. A thorough analysis and evaluation must be accomplished for each area, as more than likely no two floor areas have exactly the same conditions or requirements. Therefore, seek a concrete protection system that satisfies the following basic criteria: cost, quality, thickness, long-term durability, appearance, and ease of maintenance. I these basic factors do not add up on any one specific area, seek additional information until they do.

Manufacturer - Independent manufacturers with a good history of experience, research and development with turn-key installations, of a wide range of products will best be able to meet your specific needs...whether they be abrasion or chemical resistance, cold temperature cure, cleanability, anti-static, variable non-slip surfaces or a custom color, to name a few.

Environment - Does your concrete protection system supplier/contractor have the environmental knowledge and capabilities necessary to adequately perform the preparation and installation of your project in a legally acceptable manner? Are they in compliance with USDA/FDA, OSHA, NIOSH, EPA and Canadian Hygienic Environmental standards?

Maintenance - Does your concrete protection system supplier address your future maintenance requirements and costs? Ideally, your floor surface should be installed with a proper balance of slip resistance and cleanability created for your individual environmental requirements. Your supplier should provide you with basic written maintenance instructions and be available to train your personnel in them.

Downtime - Will your concrete protection system supplier/contractor disrupt your operations? A good contractor should be flexible enough, and have a full range of product capability, to accommodate your schedule, as well as provide start-to-complete time assurances. If your time requirements are critical, check out the "reputation" of your intended contractor.

QC Testing - Does the manufacturer of the concrete protection system have a sound, solid, Quality Control Program that is available for their customers' review; and, do they regularly test their materials according to ASTM standards?

Warranty - Your concrete protection system should be guaranteed against failure of product and installation for a period of time in which you are comfortable, and be competitive to other leading industry suppliers. Be certain that your guarantee is supplied in writing by a financially stable company.

Liability - Long before your project begins, make sure your Company's insurance and bonding requirements can be met or exceeded. Request a Certificate of Insurance before work begins.

References - If possible, get a minimum of three references from firms with similar environmental conditions. Also, try to observe one or more completed projects.

Experience - Investigate the experience level and product training of your installer; also, the type and value of equipment to be used on your project. Is the equipment owned or rented? A qualified installer will own a minimum of \$250,000.00 worth of specialized equipment.

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