

How to Apply Metallic Epoxy Flooring - A Step-by-Step Guide

Metallic epoxy floors create a stunning, one-of-a-kind finish, making them a popular choice for homes, garages, and commercial spaces. However, applying metallic epoxy is not a simple task—it requires planning, attention to detail, and teamwork.

- Can I Apply Metallic Epoxy as a DIY Project?
 - Yes, but **it's not easy!** Metallic epoxy coatings are tricky to work with, especially over large surfaces. We strongly recommend **practicing on a small area** before attempting a full floor. No two metallic floors will ever look identical, so expect a **unique** result every time.
- For **best results**, have at least **2–3 people** assisting with the application:
 - One person for mixing the epoxy
 - One person for cutting in edges
 - One person for applying the product with a squeegee
 - One person for back-rolling and applying solvent
- <u>M</u> Important:
 - > Do NOT apply the product if temperatures exceed 25°C. High temperatures can cause bubbling and curing issues.
 - **Store the product in a cool environment** before and during application.

STEPS TO ACHIEVE A SUCCESSFUL METALLIC EPOXY FLOORING

- 1. Surface Preparation
 - Patch cracks & imperfections using Concrete Bog. Sand down any high spots after curing.
 - ✓ **Vacuum thoroughly** to remove all dust and debris.
- 2. Priming the Floor
 - Apply one coat of Ultra Primer mixed with a Black or Charcoal Tint Pack.
 - ✓ Product Needed: 5 kits (set aside 2L of Part A + 1L of Part B for patching).
- 3. Preparing for the Metallic Coat



- Patch any primer imperfections using a **mix of leftover primer + Sikadur 513 Powder** to create a filler.
 - Sand the primed surface with 150-grit sandpaper.
 - Vacuum and mop to remove all dust.

4. Applying the Metallic Epoxy Coat

- Required Product: 10–12 kits of Ultra Metallic (coverage depends on thickness).
- **Refund Policy:** Unused kits can be returned for a refund (less shipping).

Mixing Instructions:

 Mix 3 Silver Pearl pigment packs per kit of Part A Ultra Metallic. Stir for two minutes.

If using highlights, set aside 10% of your resin for your highlights—less is more!

Application Steps:

Mix one kit at a time and add 1L of GP Thinners per kit to reduce bubbles. Pour the main color onto the floor and use spiked shoes and a flat magic squeegee to spread evenly. (Do NOT use a notched squeegee, as it leaves lines.)

- ◆ Each kit covers **15–20 sqm max**—stretching it too far will create an uneven finish.
- ♦ If using highlights, **mix 1–1.5L at a time** and apply sparingly.
- A second person should **back-roll** for a smooth, blended look.

Continuous Application:

Keep mixing and pouring **continuously** to prevent colour changes and dry spots between sections.

☐ If bubbles appear while applying the product and it's still wet, **lightly spray** solvent or use a low-pressure air blower to remove them.



5. Optional: Applying a Clear Top Coat

- If you love the metallic finish, you can leave it as is. However, for added protection, you can apply a polyurethane or Polyaspartic clear coat.
- If applying a clear coat:

Sand the surface using 220-grit sandpaper.

Vacuum and mop to remove dust.

Apply polyurethane (easier) OR Polyaspartic (stronger Product but harder to apply).

Note: Only apply a clear coat if needed, as it can be tricky. Reasons might include extreme UV light exposure, unsatisfactory metallic finish, or debris or other reasons

Shopping List - What You Need

- Main Products & Accessories
 - ✓ Ultra Primer
 - √ 1 pigment paste per kit of Ultra Metallic
 - ✓ Ultra Metallic 15lit Kits Coverage is up to 20SQM per a kit
 - √ 3 <u>Metallic Powder</u> packs per kit of Ultra Metallic
 - √ Magic Squeegees
 - √ Spike Shoes
 - **√** 3 x 460mm Trays (for primer, metallic, and polyurethane)
 - √ 3 x 460mm Roller Frames
 - **√** 6 Brushes
 - √ 1 Bag of White Rags

If Applying a Clear Coat:

- UVSeal (Polyurethane)
- Pure Guard (Polyaspartic)
- Solvent & Concrete Bog can be purchased from Bunnings.

Final Thoughts

• Metallic epoxy floors look incredible, but they require patience, skill, and the right approach. If you're new to epoxy, start small and follow each step carefully.



- Need supplies? Order online at Sydney Industrial Coatings.
- For questions, feel free to reach out! We're happy to help.