

# Maintenance Guide

For SureSet flexible resin bound aggregate surfacing



## Commercial After Care & Maintenance Guide

### For SureSet Permeable Paving

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that your SureSet surface is of the highest quality, it will look better and last longer if a few simple maintenance procedures are adopted.

#### **Normal Use**

SureSet surfaces are intended to be used by normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic for which they have been designed. Protection should be provided wherever possible against abnormal usage.

#### **Abnormal Use**

Heavy objects, such as waste skips, should not be dragged across the surface and protection should be provided during building and construction work to avoid unsightly contamination from oil, grease, cement and dirt. Spillage of petrol or solvents should be avoided as these will soften and damage the resin binder.

Some SureSet surfaces may be marked due to crushing of individual pieces of aggregate by exceptional point loading, such as caused by high heeled shoes, especially in areas of high use.



#### **Routine Maintenance**

Keep the SureSet surface swept clean with a stiff broom and hose with clean water.

#### **Moss and Algae Growth**

Weed growth should be treated prior to surfacing and it is highly unlikely that any new growth will be sustained. Periodical application of a proprietary moss and algae killer, such as 'Algon', in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines, will remove and prevent any re-growth.

Ingrained algal growth can be removed and the colour of the original surface restored, by the application of a bleach solution. This should be used in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines and local environment constraints. After application the surface should be well rinsed with clean water.

#### **Ice or Frost on the surface**

The removal of ice or frost from the surface can be achieved by the application of salt. The area can also be treated with salt prior to a cold snap to prevent freezing occurring in the first place. When the weather has returned to normal, (non freezing conditions) wash the area through with water to remove any traces of the salt from the surface.

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#### Chewing Gum Removal

Removal of individual pieces of chewing gum can be carried out by treating each piece with a freezing spray and then scraping off the hardened gum with a wall/paint scraper. Freezing aerosols can be obtained from Greenham Ltd (tel 0208 560 1244) or other suppliers. For more extensive removal of gum, we would recommend seeking the advice of a specialist cleaning contractor.

#### Washing

Washing can be carried out using a portable pressure washer (up to 150bar rating) to remove dirt, grime and moss, providing care is taken not to damage the SureSet with excessive pressure. Only cold water should be used and the water lance must be kept at least 200mm from the SureSet surface and a fan type jet used.

For more extensive washing we would recommend contacting a specialist cleaning contractor.



#### Cement or Concrete Marks

Cement or concrete marks can be removed with careful use of dilute hydrochloric acid or a proprietary cement remover, immediately followed by a thorough rinsing with clean water.

(Please note that if a lime based aggregate has been used, the acid will tend to dissolve this as well).

#### Repairs and Damage

Small areas of damage can be repaired using the same blend as the surrounding surface. Dependent on the age of the original material, the patch repaired may take some time to tone in.

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