



## Now is the time to apply a coating your garage!

Apply when air (ambient) temperature is 60-85°F and relative humidity is below 80%. Concrete floors take a long time to warm up; make sure the previous day has also been at least 60°F prior to painting. Minimum floor temperature for painting is 55°F. Painting in mid-afternoon ensures the best cure.

### Types of Coatings:

#### Epoxy

This coating is the most widely used as it forms a hard durable surface and a strong bond on the concrete. This covering tends to turn yellow and loses its gloss when it is exposed to sunlight for long periods of time. Remember to prepare the area before applying the epoxy and ensure that it is completely free of dirt and dust. Epoxy dries to a touch in a few minutes but do wait for many days before you drive your car over it!

#### Polyurethane

Another alternative, polyurethane resists chemical spills much better than epoxy and does not even fade easily. Along with these features polyurethane is a very durable coating that dries to a high gloss. Unfortunately this coating cannot be used on the floor directly. If you do plan to use polyurethane, you would need to first apply an epoxy primer on the floor and then the polyurethane.

#### Latex Paints

The cheapest of all coatings, latex paints are antique looking stains that can create a unique and warm finish. This paint covers imperfections on the concrete and is permanent. The stain coating can be damaged because of exposure to the sun, it is thus advisable to apply a protective coating over it.