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SKIMFLOW® as a Light Duty Wear Layer

Dear Dependable Distributor,

As you know, the primary use of Dependable SKIMFLOW® is primarily used as a self leveling underlayment material to level a floor prior to the installation of a new floor covering. Because it develops a hard, tough finish and has outstanding adhesion over so many substrates, we have often been asked if it will serve as a light duty wear surface.

We have now had SKIMFLOW® under evaluation and testing for one year, and have determined that we can allow it to be used as a light-duty interior wear surface. As such, it will withstand normal foot traffic for one or two years without significant wear. However, it will not withstand heavy use. It particularly would be subject to dragging or scraping anything across it, or anything requiring high abrasion resistance. It would be expected to gouge or scratch. It is not intended to be a chemical, petroleum byproduct or water barrier, and should not be used where these conditions are present.

As a light-duty wear surface, it may be used as a temporary surface in commercial applications such as workrooms, storage rooms and hallways. It can also be used in residential circumstances such as utility rooms and basements.

It should only be used in heated or temperature conditioned space, and not where it would be subjected to repeated freeze/thaw conditions or to outdoor weather conditions. It should also not be used as a wear surface where there is vehicle traffic or heavy machinery moving over it. It has the necessary compressive strength to hold up under significant weight, but it would not bear up well to wear from this type of traffic.

If you have any questions or comments with respect to this technical bulletin, please contact technical service at Dependable, LLC at 1-800-227-3434.