

GUIDE TO SCREED AFTERCARE



Top tips for looking after your screed immediately after pour

Sealing Windows and Openings:

Ensure all windows, doors, and any other openings are sealed before the application of liquid screed, and for the first 24 hours after-pour. If windows or openings cannot be sealed permanently, temporary sheeting should be used to create a barrier. This creates an enclosed environment, allowing for optimal curing conditions.

After the first 24 hours, open windows to allow moist air to escape. This helps to create a balanced environment for the screed to cure effectively.

Drying Times: You will be advised on estimated dry/cure time, according to the type of screed and depth of pour. Actual drying times may vary depending on factors such as ambient temperature, humidity, ventilation, floor thickness, and substrate conditions.

Foot Traffic: Restrict access to the newly installed screed during the initial 24-48 hours. After this period, you can walk on the floor, but we recommend keeping tradesmen off the floor for at least 48 hours to allow the floor to gain sufficient strength for heavy-duty activities. We recommend using spreader boards for any point loads that impose concentrated force on the screed, such as step ladders or working at height platforms, to distribute the weight more evenly and protect your new screed floor.

Superficial Cracks: It is important to note that hairline cracks may occur during the curing process due to the natural shrinkage of the screed. This is a common occurrence and does not compromise the structural integrity of the floor. Such cracks are typically cosmetic and can be addressed during the finishing stages.

Sanding: Depending on the screed used, a mechanical sanding may be required to remove laitance and provide a key for primers before any floor covering can be adhered. The optimum timing for this is 14 days after screed is installed, however it can be carried out at a later date.

Planning an underfloor heating project? If you have any questions about the aftercare of your screed, please contact the Cozia team.

