

# DecoSpec LusterFlake

## Decorative Mica Flake System

### DESCRIPTION:

**DecoSpec LusterFlake** is a broadcast mica flake floor system created using a combination of 100% solids epoxy, optional polyaspartic and polyurethane anchor and top coats and multicolored decorative mica mineral flakes. This combination produces an easy-to-maintain, decorative floor. DecoSpec LusterFlake provides a natural metallic luster that mimics high-end granite or marble tile. This seamless flooring system provides excellent chemical resistance and durability.

### TYPICAL USES:

- Cafeterias & break rooms
- Shower and locker rooms
- Research laboratories
- Healthcare facilities
- Schools
- Correctional institutions and prisons
- Pharmaceutical plants

### ADVANTAGES:

- Low maintenance, seamless floor
- Durable and tough
- 10 blended color options
- Available in ¼" and 1/12" sizes
- Low odor

### TYPICAL PROPERTIES:

Compressive Strength	ASTM C-579	10,500 psi
Tensile Strength	ASTM D-638-91	7,500 psi
Hardness (Shore D)	ASTM D-2240-91	82
COF-James Test	ASTM D-2047	>.70
Bond Strength	ASTM D-4541	>500 psi (100% concrete failure)

\*Properties and results are based on laboratory testing at 72°F (22°C) %50 RH, theoretical calculations and estimates. Typical properties, as stated, are to be considered as representative of current production and should not be treated as specifications.

### INSPECTION AND APPLICATION:

**Caution! Follow all precautions and instructions prior to installation.**

**SUBSTRATE:** The substrate must be free of curing membranes, silicate surface hardener, paint, or sealer and be structurally sound. If you suspect concrete has been treated or sealed, proceed with complete removal process. Consult your PIP representative for further instruction if silicate hardeners or membranes have been utilized.

**MOISTURE:** Moisture and moisture vapor transmission rates are dynamic in nature and may change over time. Initial testing does not guarantee future results. If the relative humidity of the concrete substrate is over 75% (using ASTM F2170), Protective

Industrial Polymers must be consulted and issue a written moisture mitigation recommendation prior to product use.

**VAPOR/CONTAMINATION:** Testing for MVT does not guarantee against future problems. If there is no known vapor barrier or the vapor barrier is inadequate, there is an elevated risk of bond failure. Other factors including the migration of oils, chemicals, excessive salts or Alkali Silica Reaction (ASR) from the concrete from may also elevate the risk of adhesion difficulties. Consult your PIP representative for approved mitigation treatments.

**TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY:** During the application and cure of the coating, the substrate temperature, material temperature and room conditions must be maintained between 65°F (18°C) and 90°F (32°C). Relative Humidity (RH) should be limited to 30-80%. DO NOT apply coatings unless the surface temperature is more than five degree over the dew point.

### APPLICATION EQUIPMENT:

- **Protective equipment and clothing as called for in the SDS (Safety Data Sheet)**
- **Jiffy® Mixer Blade model ES**
- **Clean container for mixing material**
- **Low speed high torque drill motor**
- **High quality short nap roller covers- ¼ inch nap**
- **Application Squeegee**

### PREPARATION:

Surface dirt, grease, oil and contaminants must be removed by detergent scrubbing and rinsing with clean (clear) water.

**Mechanical Preparation:** Shot Blasting or grinding the surface is the preferred method of preparation. The success of industrial diamond grinding as a concrete preparation method will vary depending on technique and the hardness of the concrete.

**JOINTS:** All non moving joints (control joints) can be filled with a rigid or semi-rigid joint compound. Construction joints may be filled with semi-rigid joint filler and might need to be re-built and re-cut depending on conditions. Isolation or expansion joints must be filled with a flexible material designed for expansion and should not be coated over.

**MIXING:** Refer to each individual Technical Data sheet for detailed mixing instructions for each product mentioned below.

### APPLICATION:

**PRIME:** Apply **Protect 1200 WR** or **Protect 1000 CR** at a rate of 8 mils to the floor surface using a notched or flat squeegee. Back roll the wet coating using a ¼ inch nap non shed roller. Care should be taken to overlap and cross lap, but not over roll the coating introducing air to the surface.

**FIRST BROADCAST:** Apply **Protect 1000 HB** at 10-15 mils using a notched squeegee. Backroll using a ¼" nap roller and broadcast to rejection with decorative flakes. It is recommended to use a pigmented basecoat similar in color to the color scheme of the flake system to avoid shadowing from the concrete substrate. It is also imperative to completely saturate the coating with flakes to insure color uniformity throughout.

Typical LusterFlake saturation rate is 0.06 lbs./SF

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**OPTIONAL 2nd BROADCAST:** Re-apply clear Protect 1000 HB at 15-20 mils using a flat squeegee. Backroll using a ¼" nap roller and again broadcast to rejection with decorative flakes. Upon cure, sweep and vacuum excess flakes off of floor.

This system may be sealed with either **Protect 1000 HB epoxy anchor coat** or **Protect 4000 polyaspartic anchor coat**. Instructions for both options are below.

**EPOXY ANCHOR COAT:** Apply clear Protect 1000 HC at a consumption rate of 15-20 mils to the floor surface using a flat squeegee. Back roll the wet coating using a ¼ inch nap non shed roller to even texture. Care should be taken to overlap and cross lap, but not over roll the coating introducing air to the surface.

**POLYASPARTIC ANCHOR COAT:** Apply clear Protect 4000 or Protect 4300 at a consumption rate of 15 mils to the floor surface using a flat squeegee. Back roll the wet coating using a ¼ inch nap non shed roller to even texture. Care should be taken to overlap and cross lap, but not over roll the coating introducing air to the surface.

After chosen Anchor Coat is cured, the edges of the flakes may be protruding through the surface. If a totally smooth floor is ultimately desired, sand the floor with 60-100 grit sand paper or sanding screens to knock off and flatten the protrusions. Sweep and clean the floor and apply another 10 mils of chosen Anchor Coat.

**(Optional) URETHANE TOPCOAT:** Apply **Protect 2100UV, Protect 2100UV-AM or Protect 2100UV-DW** at corresponding coverage rate applicable for system and texture desired. Refer to individual technical bulletin for coverage rates and application method.

**CURING (DRYING):** Allow the system to cure (dry) for a minimum 24 hours after final application at 75°F (24°C) and 50% RH before opening the floor to light traffic, allow more time for low temperatures and higher humidity or for heavier traffic. Full coating properties may take up to 7 days to develop.

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT:** For application questions, please contact your salesman or PIP technical service at 440-327-0015.

**DISPOSAL:** Dispose in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations.

**READ SDS (SAFETY DATA SHEET) FOR SAFETY AND PRECAUTIONS. USE PRODUCT AS DIRECTED FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**

### MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES:

**Allow floor coating to cure at least one week before cleaning by mechanical means (IE: sweeper, scrubber, disc buffer).**

**CARE:** Increased life of the floor will be seen with proper maintenance and will help maintain a fresh appearance of your new Protective Industrial Polymers floor. Regularly sweep to avoid ground in dirt and grit which can quickly dull the finish, decreasing the life of the coating. Spills should be removed quickly as certain chemicals may stain and can permanently damage the finish. Only soft nylon brushes or white pads should be used on your new

floor coating. Premature loss of gloss can be caused by hard abrasive bristle Polypropylene (Tynex®) brushes.

**CAUTION:** Heavy objects dragged across the surface will scratch all floor coatings. Avoid gouging or scratching the surface.

Pointed items or heavy items dropped on the floor may cause chipping or concrete pop out damage. Plasticizer migration from rubber tires can permanently stain the floor coating. If a rubber tire is planned to set on the floor for a long period of time, place a piece of acrylic sheet between the tire and the floor to prevent tire staining. Rubber burns from quick stops and starts from lift trucks can heat the coating to its softening point causing permanent damage and marking.

**REPAIR:** Repair gouges, chip outs, and scratches as soon as possible to prevent moisture and chemical under cutting and permanent damage to the floor coating.

### WARRANTY AND CONDITIONS OF USAGE

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