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# Before You Coat: Garage Floor Prep Checklist

Most garage coatings that peel fail because of the preparation, not the product. Complete these 7 checks before any epoxy, polyaspartic or sealer goes down.

## The 7 checks

- [ ] **Read your coating's product data sheet.** It names the surface profile the coating needs (a CSP number, such as CSP 2 or CSP 3) and the temperature and humidity range for installation. That sheet is the standard to follow.
- [ ] **Look for an old sealer or coating.** Sprinkle water on the floor. If it beads up instead of soaking in, a sealer or contaminant is present, and it must be removed before a new coating can bond.
- [ ] **Check for moisture.** Tape a clear plastic square, about 18 inches across, to the floor on all four edges and leave it at least 16 hours. Fogging or a dark spot under the plastic can mean moisture is rising through the slab. Ask your installer about a proper moisture test before coating.
- [ ] **Look closely at oil stains.** Surface preparation removes oil at the surface. Oil that has penetrated deep into the concrete may remain in the slab and may affect the coating. Ask your installer how they handle it.
- [ ] **Mark cracks and chips.** Repairs are usually made after preparation and before coating. Decide in advance who will make them.
- [ ] **New concrete?** Most coating manufacturers require the slab to be fully cured first, often about 28 days. Check your product's data sheet.
- [ ] **Empty the garage.** Clear the entire floor, including shelves and storage along the walls, so the edges and corners can be prepared too.

## Why shot blasting

Shot blasting propels small steel shot at the concrete, then vacuums the shot, dust and old material back up. It cleans and profiles the surface in one pass, with no acid and no water to dry. Many coating manufacturers call for mechanical preparation like this instead of acid etching.

## Professional service or equipment rental?

Renting a shot blaster, dust collector, edge grinder and trailer costs about as much as hiring a professional, and an inexperienced operator can leave stripes or gouges in the slab. Professional preparation protects the money you spend on the coating.

## Have BlastTex prepare your garage

**The Garage Prep package: $1,500** for up to 400 sq ft (a typical two-car garage or driveway) within 50 miles of Hurst, TX.

- Garage floor shot blasted with HEPA dust collection

- Edges and corners ground at no additional charge
- Company-supplied power; no water or acid used
- Before and after photos of your floor
- You or your installer apply the coating

**Text 3–4 floor photos, your city and approximate square footage to 817-600-8452.**

*General guidance only. Your coating manufacturer's instructions always take precedence.*

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