



## Care Guide for Ambitec Polished Plasters

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Polished Plaster is a porous product and will show normal signs of wear and use over time, it is therefore important to understand how to best care for and maintain your Ambitec polished plaster surfaces. By following the simple steps provided you will help maximise the longevity and beauty of your polished plaster surface over its life-time.

### CLEANING

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Approximately 4 weeks after installation the product has completely hardened and can be maintained as follows:

- For normal dusting - use a clean dry microfibre cloth.
- To remove scuff marks - use a slightly damp microfibre cloth and gently rub over the marks in a circular movement. A magic eraser can also be used but test on a small, preferably 'hidden', spot first.
- For more persistent scuff marks - use a small amount of clear Glass & Surface Cleaner sprayed onto a damp microfibre cloth and gently rub over the marks in a circular movement. It is important to test on a small, preferably 'hidden', spot first.

**IMPORTANT:** Never use any spirits, thinners, wax or furniture oil to remove stains or scuff marks on Ambitec Polished Plaster finishes.

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## HANGING ARTWORK

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When hanging artwork on an Ambitec polished plaster wall, the same steps should be taken as when hanging artwork on a painted wall. Consider the weight of the artwork and location of the stud behind the plasterboard to determine if wall plugs are required or whether a simple nail or picture hook will suffice.

Ambitec polished plasters are flexible and will not crack when a nail is gently hammered into place. To repair the nail holes simply follow the repair steps below.

## SMALL REPAIRS

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- **For deep scratches** - remove by light circular sanding. Use normal sandpaper; grit size 180-320. When sanding ensure finishes do not have a clear surface or penetrating sealer applied to them\*. If a surface sealer has been applied and there are deep scratches, please contact us for further care & maintenance advice. **Always wear a dustmask when sanding and wipe dust away with a damp papertowel.**
- **For small holes or chips** - using a putty knife, fill hole/chip with matching polished plaster\*\*, overfill slightly as this will shrink back when it dries but localise plaster to repair area only. Once dry carefully knife off excess plaster and give the area a light sand with 180 and 320 grit sand paper.

\* When installing Ambitec interior polished plasters in an environment that has or may have exposure to moisture (such as in a bathroom or en-suite) we apply our penetrating sealer for added protection. This helps repel moisture and keeps the plaster looking great. In environments which are exposed to potential staining such as kitchens/splash-backs or more communal, we recommend the use of our surface sealers which are available in matte, satin and gloss. (Dependent on the look that is required). In finishing the plaster with a surface sealer it prevents stains from soaking into the porous plaster surface and is therefore much easier to care for.

\*\* We can provide you with a small pot of matching Polished Plaster for small DIY repairs. Please contact us to request this.

**IMPORTANT: We do not recommend the use of our Ambitec interior polished on surfaces that are directly exposed to water for prolonged periods such as in a shower/wet area or on vertical exterior surfaces, unless they have some protection from the elements.**

## DAMAGE PREVENTION

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External corners are the most vulnerable. Damage to the surface finish mainly occurs by pulling vacuum cleaner power cords around the edging of a corner. This should be avoided.

If there is no skirting installed, extreme care should be taken when washing hard floors; avoid mops rubbing against the bottom edge of the interior surface finish as eventually a discoloured track will appear.

For other more substantial stains or damage that cannot be remedied following the 'care steps' please call Ambitec for a maintenance and service visit or contact us for further care & maintenance advice.

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