# **Technical Data Sheet**

# **Resin Floors v Tiling**



allnex have a broad range of industrial floor toppings suitable for and used widely throughout Australasia in retail kitchen and food process environments, we are often asked for a comparison between resin floor toppings v tiles.

## Resin Floor Topping Options;

## Sureshield, Decorative Terrazzite, Supascreed Epoxy, Nuthane Polyurethane, Surechem VE Vinyl Ester

	Resin Flooring	Tiling
Seamless	No seams (excepting concrete control joints)	Many grout joints
Hygienic	Fully impervious surface Fully bonded, No voids to allow bacterial growth No smells, from cured system or adhesive Systems contain biocides to inhibit fungi growth for the life of the floor	Tiles break or fall out. Tile adhesive mix is variable often weak and porous. Smells may develop from liquids getting into grout and tile adhesive over time.
Impact Resistant	Able to resist high impact, the shock is dissipated into the substrate due to the monolithic nature of the install.	Brittle. Will break or crack easily on impact; particularly if tiles are poorly boned.
Non-slip	Can be installed with a variable surface finish, non-slip or smooth. Non-slip surface dressings can be renewed easily	Non-slip or smooth Cannot be resealed, maintained, renewed, need to replace tiles.
Colours	Many colours created on site.	Colours of tiles
Horizontal & Vertical Options	Resin toppings can be applied horizontally and vertically. Seamless coves can be applied to variable height to meet client compliance, cleanability and hygiene.	Need specific cove radius tiles, which are generally all one size.
Will form drains	Can be used to seamlessly line drains for maximum chemical protection.	Can be used in drains however the drains can become a weak point due to the many grout lines
Cleanability	Able to be water blasted and washed with chemicals.	Cleaning can erode grout lines, leading to substrate bacterial growth and impossible thorough cleaning. Water blasting will expose weakly bonded tiles, leading to tiles lifting. Porous grout has to be cleaned or replaced regularly
Fall to drains	Can control the fall of liquids to drains resulting in a dry floor.	Difficult except with a prefill screed. (this screed is often porous, which creates the hygiene issues; and smells.)
Cost	May be more expensive in small areas. Lower maintained and life cycle costs	Cheaper but often higher maintenance and life cycle costs

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