

A COMPARISON OF 1-DAY TO 5-DAY EPOXY FLOORING SYSTEMS

When you look to spend some cash on a new epoxy flooring system either for residential or commercial applications you get faced with a stack of options. Do you go full flake seamless, plain colour or metallic? Do you use polyurethane or polyaspartic? Do you engage a contractor or attempt it yourself? What's the difference between epoxy and epoxy paint and the list of questions goes on and on. But probably the most common question I get asked, and the one that creates the most confusion, is "What's the difference between a 1 and 5 day System?"

So I wanted to lay out the facts on the different systems and their characteristics, features and benefit.

I hope this helps make your info-gathering mission a little easier.

	SAME DAY SYSTEM	5 DAY SYSTEM
Days without garage access	1	8-9
Easy to use for installer	No (unless trained)	Yes
Slip resistance compatible	Yes	Yes
UV Stable	Yes	Yes
Wide choice of colours	Yes	Yes
Training and Certification required to install	Yes	No
Suitable for heavy vehicles	Yes	Yes
Allergy Safe	Yes - 100% solid	No - Requires Evaporation to cure which means it's a potential hazard to people with allergies
VOC-free (Volatile Organic Compound)	Yes	No
Does weather effect installation time	No	Yes, because it cures via evaporation so in rain and humidity it takes longer to cure.
Food-Grade Flooring Surface	Yes	Yes & No depending on the manufacturer
Suitable for DIY	No	Yes
Warranty	20 year	1-3 year
Price	A\$65 plus GST per SQM	A\$55 plus GST per SQM

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