

ExoGuard™ Technology

High resistance to scratching is one of the key performance criteria needed to keep your resilient flooring investment looking good over the long term. A top coat is your first line of defense to protect your flooring investment against scratching, staining and scuffing. Its primary function is to provide added durability and longevity to the wear layer while increasing cleanability, lightfastness and overall performance.

At Shaw Contract, we have developed our ExoGuard™ system of top coat finishes, ExoGuard™ and ExoGuard+™. Both offer exceptional durability and protection against stains and abrasions in commercial environments. Our polish-optional, UV-cured ExoGuard™ technology preserves the look of your flooring, so it lasts longer and is easier to maintain.



EON (LVT 4112V) IN BASIN (12585) AND STRATA (12506)

Industry Leading Scratch Protection For Every Space

ExoGuard+™ is our advanced finish option that adds superior resistance to staining, scratching and scuffing, making it durable for the most demanding commercial environments. Each space has different requirements based on levels of traffic, rolling loads, environmental factors and other considerations. Our broad offering of resilient products featuring ExoGuard™ top coat finishes allows you to select the best performing solution for the needs of your space.

ExoGuard™

- UV-cured and enhanced with a hardening agent
- Polish optional
- Preserves long-term appearance and reduces total cost of ownership
- Offers exceptional durability and protection against stains, scratches and scuffs in most commercial environments

ExoGuard+™

- UV-cured and enhanced with a hardening agent
- Polish optional (excluding Bio-Based products)
- Preserves long-term appearance and reduces total cost of ownership
- Provides superior stain and scratch protection for the most demanding commercial environments
- Delivers the highest martindale rating to scratch resistance and resists UV light degradation, hand sanitizers, disinfectants and common stains
- Proven to outperform competitive top coats in the market

How Do We Measure Scratch Resistance?

Many resilient floors quickly show visible wear from scratches that occur from daily traffic, furniture castors and rolling loads. To highlight the performance of our resilient products against micro-scratching, we developed the **Repetitive Traffic Scratching (RTS)** — a test method that repetitively abrades the flooring surface. Based on years of study and evaluation of scratching and performance, RTS allows for consistent, repeatable and reliable results to help us classify the scratch performance of our products in the field.

REPETITIVE TRAFFIC SCRATCHING (RTS) TEST RESULTS

Shaw Contract's Terrain II
with 20 mil wear layer and **ExoGuard+**™ topcoat



Leading Competitor Product
with 20 mil wear layer and enhanced topcoat



Product photos were taken after an RTS Martindale Scratching test was performed on both dark and medium color samples.

Visit shawcontract.com for more information about RTS testing and to watch how it is performed.

For more information on our products and constructions or help determining which product is right for your space, visit shawcontract.com or contact your Shaw Contract Account Manager.