

Degafloor really is the cream of the crop

The milk and dairy products sector of the food processing industry is arguably the most demanding, especially in terms of flooring requirements. Traditionally, acid resistant tiles have been the favoured flooring product, but this is beginning to change.

Tiles are a great flooring solution in the correct environment. However, they do have two major weaknesses - questionable slip resistance and grouted joints that can and do erode and fail.

It is essential that milk and dairy product processing facilities have totally seamless and impervious finishes that are capable of withstanding the nitric acid and caustic soda used in cleaning and the natural lactic acid within the milk itself. Should these products be allowed to get under a floor finish, rapid concrete erosion can occur.

Floor finishes must also offer good levels of slip resistance, not just in clean dry and clean wet conditions, but also when covered in milk and by products. Due to the fat content of milk and dairy products, floors can quickly become slippery creating a real safety hazard, so it is essential that any new floor finish offers the highest level of slip resistance.

To overcome the limitations of tiles, many operators and specifiers are turning to Degafloor for assistance, especially as the product cures fully within 2 hours of installation.

The full Degafloor range of systems offers excellent resistance to most acids and corrosive substances, whilst the FB and QTA systems offer unrivalled levels of slip resistance, even when exposed to very high levels of food product, liquids and other contaminants.

However, it should be noted that nitric acid has a tendency to create a rust coloured stain on surfaces that it comes into contact with, so based on experience, Degafloor always recommends a predominantly yellow finish in these areas.

Speaking on behalf of Degafloor, commercial director James Wright said 'Our FB and QTA systems are the ideal choice for the demanding requirements of the dairy sector and both have been used very successfully over many years. Due to our unique 2 hours cure, we have been able to help many clients who have needed solutions to be installed within very short production gaps, something they had been struggling to achieve otherwise'

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Notes to editors

Degafloor is a leading supplier of MMA based resin flooring systems to a wide range of industrial and commercial environments. Based in Maxey in Cambridgeshire, Degafloor Ltd was established in 2002, although the brand has been operational since 1996. For more information on Degafloor visit www.degafloor.com or contact +44 (0) 1778 342545 or email monika@degafloor.com