

Post care of Screed

- You MUST wait 5 days before fitting anything load bearing, such as partition walls, kitchen units etc.
- Ensure window and door glass remains covered, sun through glass causes solar heat gain, which, force dries your floor. This causes cracking and a blemished finish.
- Screed must be completely dry before covering floors, ALWAYS have your floor moisture tested before installing any floor covering.
- Sanding away laitance on Gypsum screed only, after 7 days may accelerate the drying process.
- De-humidifiers may be used to accelerate drying after 4 days, but not before!
- We advise that the floor is moisture tested even following these guidelines. SSR accept no responsibility for failed flooring due to moisture!
- You should allow 24-48 Hours before walking over the floor.

Underfloor heating:

It is important, when using the underfloor heating for the first time or when using it to aid your drying times that you follow these rules:

Adjustment of the blending valve on your manifold WILL NOT control the temperature of the water running through it, it only controls the flow, therefore, you MUST make sure that:

- Your screed has been laid for a minimum of 7 days.
- Your boiler output temperature is set to 30 degrees to start with (this will make sure you do not cause thermal shock to the screed. You can then set the demand through your u/h system.
- After 4 days, you may increase your boiler temperature by 1 degree each day.
- DO NOT just turn it all off when the screed is dry, decrease it gradually over a few days, again by decreasing the boiler temperature output.

Thermal shock is quite easy to spot just by the way the screed cracks, we would be able to tell straight away if this procedure has not been followed.

Drying times for cementitious screeds:

- For a 50mm depth cementitious screed the drying time would be around 21 days, higher depths will increase these guidelines. Again, you should have the floor moisture tested to ensure it is safe to cover!

Drying times for anhydrite screed

- 1 day per mm up to 40mm, after 40 mm it becomes 2 days per mm. Again, ALWAYS have the floor moisture tested before installing any floor covering.