

Selection & Importance of Concrete Flooring Tools







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Various Concrete Finishing Tools:



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Why is so important to have <u>Perfect</u> Blade & Pan!!!







Power Trowel









Float Pan / Disc:

Application:

- Used on first pass
- Used to embed aggregate
- Used to compact and consolidate concrete

PAN Selection Criteria:

- For Walk-behind or Ride-on
- Thickness of pan
- Material flexibility
- Uniformity of Dish shape(Regular shape or mild shape & Diff)
- Flatness
- Manufacturing Process (Spinning or Pressed)









Check-point:

 Did you ever placed disc on <u>surface plate</u> and rotated to check how much <u>offset</u> is it?





















Float Pan / Disc Selection Criteria:

Criteria	Walk-Behind				Ride-On		Pomark
	600mm	750 mm	900mm	1200mm	900mm	1200mm	Neillaik
Thickness of Pan	2mm	2.5mm	3mm	3mm	3mm	3mm & 4 mm	Thickness has been defined for operator to have control on machine and movment and life
Matreial Flexibility	Material Should be flexible enough to have movement on surface and same time should not be hard too much						
Unifirmity of Dish Shape Regular shape or mild shape		Regula	r Shape		Regular or Mild Shape		For ROT Mild recommneded
Mid-Section Flatness	Should have 25% mid section between 0-3mm and further depend on selction of regualr or mild						
Manufacturing process Spinning or Pressed	All Pans should be manufactured with Spinning process and not with Press as Pressed Pans are offset						

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Offset Rotation.3GP



Why Polyethylene Pans?

Polyethylene PAN/Disc:

- This Pan should be made out of Polyethylene material with 20mm thickness.
- No Steel Clip, should have plastic welded clip to use maximum thickness
- Flat on floor. No curve. No dish shape.

The function of Polyethylene pan is same as Steel Pan. Further advantages are

- Comparatively very Very less line marks
- Long life due to no rust and Harder material
- No rust and hence every time its like new on surface.
- Steel pan cant be used on coloured and epoxy floor.







Offset Pans



Good Quality Steel Pans



Polyethylene Pans







Trowel Blades:

Trowel Blade Selection Criteria:

- Material Grade
- Hardness / flexibility of material
- Material Grain Structure
- Carbon percentage
- Chrome Percentage
- Flatness of blade
- Riveting strength
- Rivet Positioning
- Type of blades
- Difference between Finish/Combination/Wide finish/ float/blue blades
- Polyethylene Plastic Blades & its uses?







Trowel Blade Selection Criteria:

Criteria	Standard Blades	Blue-Series Blades	Gold-Series Blades	Remark		
Material Grade	Harden	ded & Tempered Spri	ng steel			
Carbon %		0.70-0.80		If carbon is less than 0.70 means its too soft and if more than 0.80 means its too hard		
Chrome %		min 0.20		Chrome is very important element to increase corrosive resistance of the material		
Matreial Thickness	Finish: 1.6mm Wide-Finish: 2mm Combi: 2mm	Finish: 1.8mm Wide-Finish: 2.2m Combi: 2mm	m			
Hardness, Flexibility of material	42-46 HRC, It should be hardened and tempered material	I6 HRC, It uld be dened and pered material 45-48 HRC, It should be hardened and tempered material, with Extra quenching stress reliving process		If Hardness is less than 42 its too soft and wear out fast and more than 48 means it too hard and do not have flexibility		
Material Grain Structure	U	niform across Surfa	ce			
Flatness	being a H&T materia	al it should be flat or	n the surface			
Riveting & Position	Should be round top Press-pull	o Countersunk head v	with Blade and not	Rivet should be in 0-1+/- mm blade surface tolerances		





Trowel Blades:







Trowel Blades:

Low Carbon **Result: Low- distracted Hardness** Low Life of blade **No Chrome Trowel Line Marks Distracted Grain Structure** Damaging flatness **CIRCLE TROWEL MARKS Good Quality Blade**





Polyethylene Blades:



• leave undesirable dark burnish marks which discolor the floor

- Very less burnish marks
- Mandatory colored concrete, epoxies







Why Polyethylene Blades?

Polyethylene Trowel Blades:

- Should be use on Epoxy floor and on coloured hardener floor
- If are been used on regular concrete floor then should be use for last 2 passes after steel blades to have better finish and less line marks.









When is the right time to begin power floating with a trowel and how do I get started?

- A Thumb rule for starting your first pass with a power trowel is when you leave only a 0.5-1mm mm deep footprint on the surface.
- Many variables affect this decision including the size and weight of the machine, the rate the concrete is drying, the speed and efficiency of the operator and the specifications of the particular slab.
- The first pass should be with float blades, combo blades or float disks.
- The blades should almost be flat with a slight pitch. Consecutive passes should be made perpendicular to the previous one.
- This ensures a flatter floor. As the floor sets, the pitch of the blades should increase.

What's better, a float pan or float blades?

- Its recommend to use Float blades for walk-behind and Pans for Ride-On
- Float pans can achieve a flatter floor than float blades. The drawback is that pans can be difficult to control, especially on a walk-behind machine.
- The increased friction of the pans can fatigue an operator quickly.

Will high-speed power trowels improve my finishing work?

- A high speed/performance power trowel such as a variable drive machine can improve the quality of slab work.
- It will give you a harder, more resilient surface that is also easier to maintain.

Can you explain the different blade and pans styles; float, finish, combination and the advantages and disadvantages of each?

Float Blade:

The float blade/Pan is designed to "lay down" the concrete, that is, to do the first passes while the concrete is still wet. It has the most surface area of all the blades and is used at a relatively flat pitch and a slow rate of speed. The float blade is ideal for smoothing and evening out the surface of the slab. This blade also works well to break open the surface, allowing bleed water to evaporate. It does not perform well in the later stages of the finishing process.

Finish Blades/Wide-Finish Blades:

The finishing blade is designed to "burn" or finish the slab. It has less surface area than the float blade and is used at a higher rate of speed, when the concrete has set up. The finish blade is ideal for sealing and burning the slab in the final passes. It does not work well on wet concrete.

Combination Blade:

The combination blade is a cross between the float and finish blades. It is not as large as a float, yet not as small as a finish blade. This blade is designed to do both jobs. It can lay down the wet concrete and then finish the slab. The combination blade does not perform as well as the other two blades at their respective tasks but does a good enough job at each to meet many jobsite requirements. The combo blade can save a contractor time and money by allowing more time to be spent on the slab and less time changing blades.













OTHER TOOLS





BETON EURO-SCREED

Ensuring efficiency

- Fast, efficient and economical way for accurate screed concrete
- Light weight design
- Ergonomic and stable with adjustable handle for easy control
- Guarantees optimal vibration on machines that are even 4.85 meters long









BETON EURO-VIBRO



Compact and comfortable

APPLICATION For vibrating slabs, footings, stairways and footpaths.

PORTABLE POWER

Euro-Vibro provides the solution to vibrating concrete with an easy to use portable unit. There is no need for electricity supply or separate drive units. The Honda four-stroke motor provides hassle free operation and in comparison to a two-stroke motor uses less fuel, has reduced engine emissions and no need for mixed fuel.

LIGHTWEIGHT

The unit is light and balanced, and is fitted with an adjustable handle and carry strap for user comfort and complete control.

EASY TO USE

A convenient on/off switch and throttle control built into the handle.





BIG BLUE FLOAT

Finest finish and quality

- A blue carbon steel float to provide a super smooth finish
- Made with highly flexible abrasive resistant blue steel
- When it's used in combination with a screed machine, power float is often deemed unnecessary





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- Light weight bull floats made from the finest extruded material
- Multi-ridded for strength
- Round-end blades option to prevent digging in the concrete or square-end if desired







CHANNEL RADIUS FLOAT

- Much more rigid than a traditional bull float
- An ideal tool to pass over the concrete immediately after screeding. Ensures improved flatness and tolerance right from the start
- Comprises of a rounded end for floating and a sharp back edge for cutting



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FRESNO

Finest finish and quality

• Made from highly flexible, abrasive-resistant carbon steel















Which one you select?











HEAVY DUTY BUMPCUTTER

- Heavy duty designed for high tolerance floors
- Cuts down bumps and fills low areas after concrete slab has been float
- Especially useful with Laser screed machines, where the bumpcutter should be used at 90° to the concrete power screed pass

CHECK-ROD

• Reduces bumps and fills low areas while the concrete is still plastic





TEXAS PLACER



ALUMINIUM MANUAL SCREED



OZZIE SCREED (Aussie Hand-Screed)



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