

PROJECT PROFILE



Of course, selecting the right flooring products is just as critical as floor prep. Cleve Horner of Premier Industrial Coatings, Inc. said Peach State Truck Center made great choices in selecting ICS Building Technologies products.

COMPANY
Peach State Trucking

LOCATION
Atlanta, Georgia

MARKET
Sales & Service for Rehabilitation



ICS Building Technologies and Peach State Trucking Prove They're Tough Enough to Shine Under Heavy-Duty Pressure

Peach State Trucking sells a wide range of heavy-duty Ford, Sterling, Western Star, and other special trucking and equipment vehicles, and services all vehicle makes and models.

The Atlanta, Georgia-based family-owned business has three facilities – and business literally rumbles across the floor, 24 hours a day.

"We're open from 7 am Monday until 4 pm on Friday, and all day on Saturday, servicing 5,000 lb pickup trucks to 70,000 lb tractors," explained shop manager Keith Burton.

In the heavy-duty trucking industry, there's no room for a lightweight floor product. And unfortunately, the old epoxy-based floor in Peach State's Norcross, Georgia shop had simply failed to stand up to the weight it had to bear.

Worse, it had failed before its time. After a few short years, the floor was cracked, worn, and in places, actually had developed chipped areas large enough to trip employees and make it difficult to move equipment across the shop floor. Quite simply, it not only looked bad, it had begun to interfere with Peach State's employees' ability to get their work done, and to get their customers' trucks on the road.

And Peach State's technicians don't like roadblocks. Not only do they have a reputation for selling and servicing trucks that work hard, the employees also work hard to keep their customers rolling. Neither the workers nor the floor get much of a break.

When the shop manager started reviewing his replacement options, he was drawn to ICS because of the company's reputation for having long-lasting, quality products

and a network of highly-trained, professional flooring contractors.

Cleve Horner of Atlanta-based Premier Industrial Coatings, Inc. confirmed Burton's impression of ICS and its contractors.

Floor Problems Fixed, From the Bottom Up

The problems with Peach State's floor started below the surface. Moisture vapor emissions coming from under the old epoxy floor were at least partly to blame for its premature failure.

Knowing preparation is critical to ensure that a floor will be serviceable for many years, Horner used a shot blast machine to totally remove the old floor. Then, the surface – all 12,000 square feet – was scarified.

After seeing the results of some moisture tests, the company followed advice from Premier Industrial Coatings, Inc. and ICS to apply a moisture retardant to the surface before installing the new floor. ICS recommended an application specifically designed to manage the vapor emissions that had weakened Peach State's previous floor from below.

Horner said Chemi Top 710 was a good choice for Peach State, because its higher compression strength – up to 15,000 PSI – allows it to stand up to the heavy equipment the floor has to support. It also withstands stress associated with hot and cold water washing, and can be installed with excellent results, even in moist conditions.

Peach State's selection of Chemi-Cote UR 9100 was a good one, too. UR 9100's proprietary, hard fillers increase abrasion

resistance, and it's formulated to wear two times longer than traditional urethane floor coatings. Plus, the polyurethane coating prevents oil and other liquids from staining the floor.

Maintenance is simple, so the floor does its job – supporting the workers, and their heavy-duty equipment – without getting in the way of getting the job done.

It's also a low-odor, great-looking floor, available in both a satin and high gloss finish.

So while Peach State Trucking Company workers have always shown great pride in the services they provide, now the shop floor reflects it back on them.

Peach State Truck Centers chose a medium gray color, replacing the former floor's blue surface. "It really brightened up the shop. Everyone sort of has a refreshed attitude because it brightened up the place," said shop manager Keith Burton. It's also easier to work inside the shop, Burton said, because tools roll easily over the floor.



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