

Resin Bonded / Bound Surfacing - Frequently Asked Questions.

- **What is the difference between the bonded & bound system ?**
 - *The Bonded system involves the process of applying the resin to the substrate dressing it with aggregate then once dry removing the excess aggregate. The finished surface has a natural textured finish and some excess aggregate will remain. The finished surface averages 3mm in thickness subject to the size of aggregate chosen.*
 - *The Bound system involves the process of completely encapsulating the aggregate within the resin and is usually applied to between 15 – 18mm in depth. This is a porous system and no loose stone will remain.*
- **Which is the right system for me ?**
 - *Resin Bonded Surfaces Ltd is one of very few companies in the UK that can install both systems. Because of this we have no preference to which you chose meaning you'll receive completely unbiased advice. Different systems suit different projects and we see our job as providing you with balanced information about both systems so you can make an independent informed choice.*
- **How long before I can drive on the surface ?**
 - *Bonded it is possible to drive on the surface 2 hours after installation however, in our experience we recommend that you leave it for 6 hours before driving your car over it.*
 - *The bound system requires 24 hours to cure fully.*
- **Can these surfaces be installed on top of a type 1 or hard core base ?**
 - *No both surfaces have to be applied to a solid substrate concrete, tarmac, wood or metal.*
- **Is either system porous ?**
 - *Yes the bound system is porous.*
- **Can they be installed in the all year round ?**
 - *Both systems can be installed all year round providing the ground is completely dry & the temperature is above 5°C.*
- **What size area can be covered in a day ?**
 - *Depending on the condition of the base, once prepared we can install up to 1000m² a day of bonded aggregate using 10 installers and 300m² a day of bound aggregate using 6 installers.*
- **Will the systems fade in sunlight ?**
 - *Both systems are UV stable meaning that they will not fade in sunlight.*
- **Can the systems be jet washed ?**
 - *Both systems can be jet washed using a jet washer of up to 30 120bar not closer than 6 inches to the surface.*
- **How do I clean stains off ?**
 - *You can apply engine degreaser then lightly scrub with a stiff brush before washing off.*
- **What are the benefits of a seal coat ?**
 - *A seal coat can be applied to the bonded system. This will improve staining resistance, make cleaning easier & reduce the amount of loose aggregate to a minimum.*