

Exposed to high levels of foot traffic, museum flooring also has to withstand considerable loading as exhibits are moved into place. A Ryebrook resin floor offers the ideal solution, delivering a hard-wearing surface that is capable of withstanding heavy load impact. With a choice of 20 different colourways, combined with a terrazzo finish, added quartz or a UV coating, a totally unique look can be created.



Recently opened at the Imperial War Museum, the Crimes Against Humanity gallery completes the suite of galleries created after the opening of the Holocaust Exhibition in 2000. Anticipating high visitor numbers to this important visual presentation, Ryebrook Resins was contracted to install an appropriate floor finish that would stand the test of time.

Ryeflor MD, a self-smoothing polyurethane screed, was laid to a thickness of 4mm in mid-grey around the edges with the area in front of the 5750mm x 3235mm cinema screen being white. The whole gallery floor was then sealed with a UV resistant coating to minimise damage. Aside from looking extremely smart, the resulting surface delivers exceptional resistance to everyday wear and tear, whilst being quick to clean and maintain.

Ryebrook Resins first had to prepare the floor by taking up and removing the existing sheet vinyl. Remaining adhesive and latex was cleared away using mechanical diamond grinding, followed by planing and vacuuming of the surface to provide a smooth, clean sub-floor. Electrical conduits, not required for this particular display, had to be made good before 250m<sup>2</sup> area was coated with an epoxy primer. A combination of contrasting mid-grey and white Ryeflor MD was laid before being sealed with the UV resistant finish.

Casson Mann, designers on the new Gallery project previously worked with Ryebrook Resins on other refurbishment projects, including work for the Science Museum.

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