

## NO SLIPS AT BANANA WAREHOUSE

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Looking to upgrade their 3,500m<sup>2</sup> warehousing facility in Essex, Windward Banana's specified Ryebrook Resins to lay their hard-wearing and hygienic Ryetech HT fast-cure floor finish. The resulting resin floor is extremely durable, providing excellent resilience against abrasion from heavy pallets and fork lift trucks whilst having the added benefits of providing a safe, slip-resistant surface that is seamless and therefore easy to maintain at a high level of cleanliness. "We were impressed by Ryebrook's efficiency and professionalism, successfully completing the project to deadline, with minimum interruptions," comments Bob Chambers, Depot Manager for Windward's.



As a busy packaging facility for bananas imported from the Windward Isles and supplied primarily to Sainsburys and Waitrose, the warehouse is in operation 24hrs a day, seven days a week. After a successful trial of Ryebrook's advanced resin finish, the programme to re-surface the remaining warehouse was divided into seven segments of 500m<sup>2</sup>, each being completed before moving to the next. This reduced disruptions and ensured that normal operations could be resumed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Working Saturday evenings, the existing unsealed concrete floor of each area was first prepared by shotblasting and diamond grinding. Repairs to the sub-floor were carried out before applying a single 0.5mm coat of Ryetech HT fast-cure in a light grey. Having a build-thickness of a normal two-coat solvent-free resin in just a single coat, Ryetech HT delivers quick results without compromising on durability. The system is usually applied with a trowel before being rolled with a special textured roller to aid slip-resistance.

Within just seven hours the floor was fully operationally allowing electric pallet truck traffic and fork lifts complete access.

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