



BOWBAR EPOXY



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• HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE

# Hire With Confidence

Your guide to choosing the best epoxy or concrete coating contractor.

A floor is only as good as the prep underneath it. Here's exactly what to ask, check, and verify, so you can tell the difference between a coating that's built to last and one that peels in a year.

- HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**
1. Print one copy for each contractor you're considering, including us.
  2. Check a box when they clearly meet the standard.
  3. Jot their exact answer on prep, moisture barrier, and warranty.
  4. More checks, safer investment.

CONTRACTOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

QUOTED PRICE \_\_\_\_\_





# The Contractor Checklist

SEVEN THINGS TO VERIFY BEFORE YOU SIGN

## 01 Credentials & Reputation

The non-negotiables. Verify these first. If a contractor can't clear this bar, nothing else matters.

- Active CSLB license**  
A current license means they're legally cleared to do the work and answerable to the state board. Verify any license free at [cslb.ca.gov](https://www.cslb.ca.gov).

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- General liability insurance**  
Covers your property if something goes wrong on the job. Ask to see a certificate, and don't take it on faith.

- Bonded**  
A contractor's bond gives you financial recourse if the work is left unfinished or out of code.

- 5-star Google rating, real reviews**  
Recent, consistent, verifiable reviews are the clearest read on how a contractor treats people and finishes jobs.

## 02 Surface Preparation

Where good floors are won or lost. Almost every coating failure traces back to what happened, or didn't, before the color went down.

- Full mechanical diamond grinding**  
Grinding opens the concrete so the coating bonds to it. Lighter prep, like an acid wash or only grinding part of the surface, may look fine on day one, then peel. Ask plainly: **Do you grind every square inch, or just spot-prep?**

- Correct surface profile (CSP 2-3)**  
The right profile is what the coating actually grips to. Too smooth and it won't hold. This is the line between a floor that lasts and one that lifts.

- Moisture barrier primer**  
Vapor rising through the slab is a top cause of failure in our climate. Confirm whether it's **included, left out, or billed as an add-on**.

- Cracks & chips repaired first**  
Damage left unaddressed telegraphs through the finished floor and can keep spreading underneath.

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## Materials & Coating System

Not all epoxy is made equal. The type of system your contractor installs decides how it looks in year five, not just year one.

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### Industrial-grade system

Big-box store DIY kits are thin and yellow fast. Industrial systems are built for heavy use, vehicle traffic and UV exposure. Ask the brand and system by name.

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### Full-coverage flake

Flake should be broadcast to refusal, that means flakes are broadcast until the underlying base coat can absorb no more. Skimping on flake leaves a thin, patchy finish that shows wear and dirt sooner.

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### Polyaspartic top coat

A true polyaspartic topcoat adds UV stability, chemical resistance, and a tougher wear layer than epoxy alone.

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### Custom color blends

Offering custom flake blends, not just a few stock options, means a contractor can match the look you actually want for your space.

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## Warranty

A warranty is a contractor betting on their own prep. Read what it actually covers.

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### 10+ year warranty

A long warranty signals confidence in the prep and materials. Short or vague terms often hide shortcuts.

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### Covers chipping, peeling & delamination, in writing

These are the failures that actually happen. Make sure the warranty **names them** and isn't hollowed out by fine print.

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### Written maintenance guide at project completion

A contractor who plans to stand behind the floor tells you how to care for it. A care sheet at the end is a small sign of a long-term mindset.

## 05 The Agreement

California law is on your side here. A trustworthy contractor follows these rules without being asked.

### Fair deposit

State law caps a home-improvement down payment at **10% or \$1,000, whichever is less**. More than that up front is a red flag.

### CSLB-compliant contract

A proper agreement names the license number, your three-day right to cancel, and a clear scope and price. Missing disclosures mean missing protection.

### Written scope & total price

Prep, primer, coats, square footage, and color, all on paper before any work or payment. Verbal promises aren't enforceable.

### Price based on a real measurement

The price in your agreement should come from measuring your space on site, not a rough guess.

## 06 How They Work

These small signals before the job are a preview of how the whole project will feel.

### Responsive & easy to reach

How fast they answer now is the best preview of how they'll handle questions during and after the work.

### Answers questions, no pressure

A good contractor welcomes your questions and gives you room to decide. Watch for high-pressure tactics, today-only pricing, or pushing you to sign on the spot.

### Brings their own power

Grinders pull serious power. A pro arrives with their own power equipment instead of leaning on your household circuits and risking trips or damage.

### Owner involved on the job

Hands-on ownership usually means tighter quality control and clearer accountability than an unsupervised crew.

### Dust control & clean handoff

Grinding makes fine dust. Ask how they contain it and what the space looks like when they leave. Respect for your home shows in the cleanup.

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## About the Company

Newer isn't automatically worse, but experience, ownership, and local roots tell you who will still be here to honor a 10-year warranty.

### Years in business

 1 yr or less 2-4 yrs 5+ yrs

### Ownership

 Owner-operated Family-owned Other

### Local to your area

 Yes No

#### HOW BOWBAR MEASURES UP

## Quality is never optional.

These are the standards that separate a coating built to last from one that fails early, and we hold ourselves to every one of them: **full mechanical grinding on every square inch**, moisture-barrier primer included, industrial-grade epoxy and polyaspartic systems, full-coverage flake, and custom color blends. All of it is backed by a **10-year warranty covering chipping, peeling, and delamination in writing**, a CSLB-compliant agreement, and a fair deposit. Family-owned, local, with the owner on every job.



### Ready for a free, no-pressure estimate?

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