

Matalan – Distribution Centre Floor Refurbishment



The busy distribution centre operates 24/7



Failed concrete was identified & replaced



Grit blasting the floor slabs



Joints repaired and sealed



Cracks and voids resin injected



The floor was re-coated after repair

Extensive range of flooring repair techniques ensures major retail distribution centre in good condition and ready for Christmas rush.

Client	Matalan Plc
Principal Contractor	Balvac
Value	£190,000
Programme	Phase 1, 4 months
Completion	Phase 1, August 2003

Following a floor survey and subsequent repair proposals in 2002, Balvac negotiated with Matalan Plc to undertake essential concrete and joint repairs to warehouse floors at their Skelmersdale and Knowsley distribution centres.

A series of meetings were arranged to discuss programming and sequencing of the work in order to minimise the disruption to the 24 hour a day operation of the warehouses, which distribute retail goods to Matalan stores around the UK.

Once the programme and scope of work was agreed, Balvac developed and agreed a Target Cost with Matalan, to allow them to secure funding. The work was then undertaken on a cost reimbursable basis, though the Target Cost included sufficient detail for Matalan to compare estimated and actual production, and thus satisfy their value for money criteria.

It was essential that all works at Skelmersdale were completed before the end of August, as after this time distribution activities increase dramatically in preparation for Christmas! Only 50% of the identified repairs and coatings could be programmed for completion by this time, so there is a similar quantity of work to undertake after the Christmas rush in January 2004.

A small team on site, worked locally and systematically in phases to break out and replace defective concrete, inject cracks with epoxy resin, and re-form and replace construction and expansion joints. Following each phase of repair work, the warehouse floor was completely re-coated with an industrial floor paint system, colour coded to suit revised storage and distribution activities, and to redefine walkway and access areas.

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