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Walkers Snack Foods

Altro Flexiflow provides winning solution for Walkers factory

Altro Flexiflow™ 2mm comfort slip-resistant variant

The Peterlee Factory of Walkers Snack Foods had to replace the old existing vinyl flooring as it was damaged. Attempts to remove it failed.

Alternative solutions were discussed with all parties resulting in several trials being conducted with Altro resin flooring. It could be used to encapsulate the old worn vinyl surfaces but also provide a seamless, easy to clean finish with slip-resistant properties that could stand up to oil contamination from production.

The design had to remain flexible due to the potential of movement from the raised steel floor, but durable enough to cope with tools and equipment being dropped onto the surface when machines are being maintained.

Elliot Lindsay, Sales and Contracts Manager, Reprotect Ltd. said: "From start to finish Reprotect's priority was to support the client with the correct system that is not only fit for production purposes but meets the criteria for Reprotect's zero to landfill and sustainability initiative as well as Walkers Snack Foods own waste procedures."

Altro Flexiflow 2mm comfort slip-resistant variant was chosen for the installation. It not only proved compatible with the environment, but also halved the downtime required for installation compared to the previous floor. The installation cost was 40% less than the previous installation as the specification was far less labour intensive and minimised waste removal cost, with 1.3 tonnes diverted from landfill.



Due to the vegetable oil used in the production process Altro Flexiflow provided a high level of slip resistance without sacrificing cleanability. In fact, it saves the hygiene department up to 20 hours per month on cleaning the newly refurbished areas. It meets Walkers' existing cleaning and maintenance procedures, saving time and cost in changing procedures.

Reprotec gained recognition for their efforts and support to good environmental practices at FeRFA, the Resin Flooring Association 2016 annual awards, where the project won the 'Small Industrial Project of the Year' category.

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