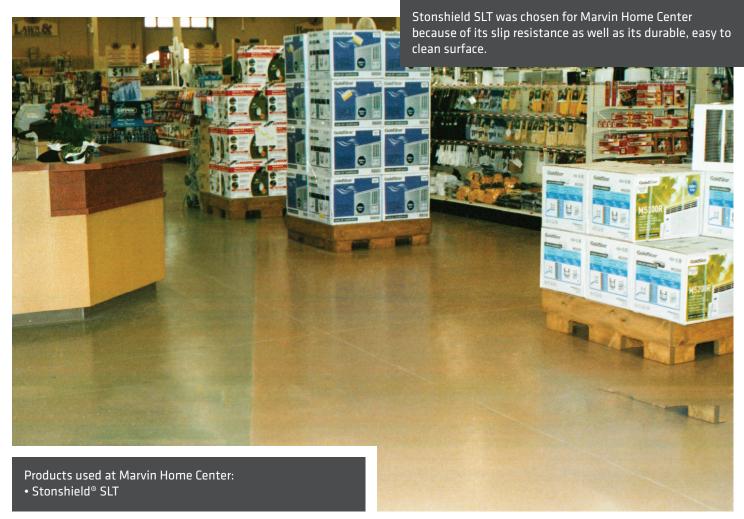
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Floor Solutions

Small-Town Home Improvement Store Gets World-Class, High-Performance Floors



In 2003, Stonhard installed over 37,000 square feet of Stonshield SLT seamless floors in the new Marvin Home Center. Located in Warroad, Minnesota, the Marvin Home Center offers its customers the wide product selection that they would find in the popular, big-box home improvement stores, but with a down-to-earth, "mom & pop" feel. This unique business approach has made the Marvin Home Center an important piece of the community structure of the small town, which is home to just over 1,600 residents.

When planning began for the new Marvin facility, in 2002, project management knew that they would need floors that would not only perform, but also last. They wanted a durable, cost-effective product that would require just minimal maintenance. Stonhard guaranteed the Marvin Home Center a flooring solution that would serve as a long term investment, and one that would not require costly upkeep or routine repairs, as many other types of floors do.

Stonshield SLT is a durable, seamless epoxy floor system that is textured, offering slip resistance and safe surface. The system incorporates richly colored aggregates into the upper layers, resulting in an eye-catching floor.

"If these were VCT floors, we would have had to replace them six times by now," said Jon Cole, Marvin Home Center's General Manager.

Marvin wanted to include multiple colors into a large, checker-board pattern, to add an interesting design element that deviated from the gray, industrial look that is commonly found in home improvement stores. Stonhard easily facilitated the request by formulating six custom color blends that would appeal to store visitors. Because of the more intricate nature of the color pattern Marvin desired, it was required that each color be installed before the adjacent colors could be started. It is a process that Ston-



hard's installation crews have mastered, and one that truly had a big impact on the overall beauty of the finished floors.

Store management was hopeful that the Stonhard floors in their new store would last, noting that, after just three years, the floors would pay for themselves. A number of years have now passed and the Marvin Home Center's Stonhard floors are still looking and performing as they did on day one – a true testament to Stonhard's quality and business philosophy.

The Stonhard Difference

Stonhard is the unprecedented world leader in manufacturing and installing high-performance polymer floor, wall and lining systems. Stonhard maintains 300 Territory Managers and 175 application crews worldwide who will work with you on design specification, project management, final walk through and service after the sale. Stonhard's single-source warranty covers both products and installation.



