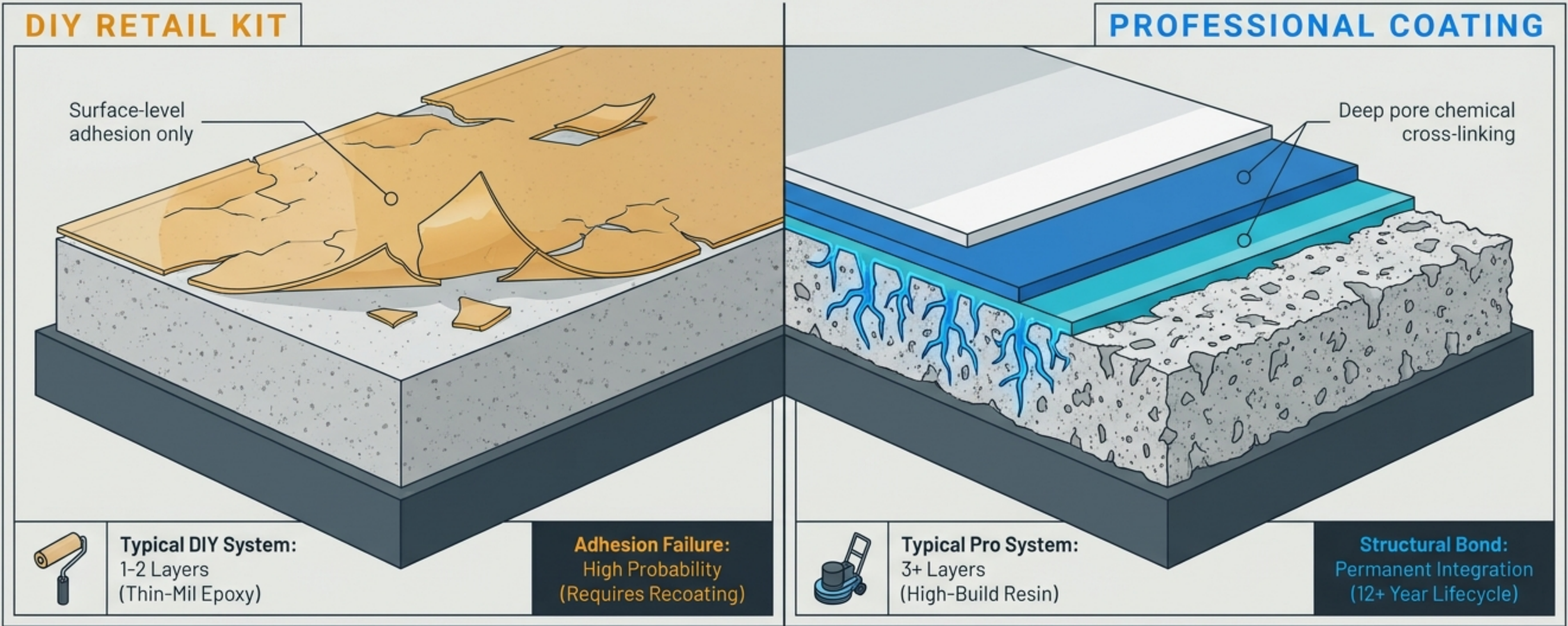
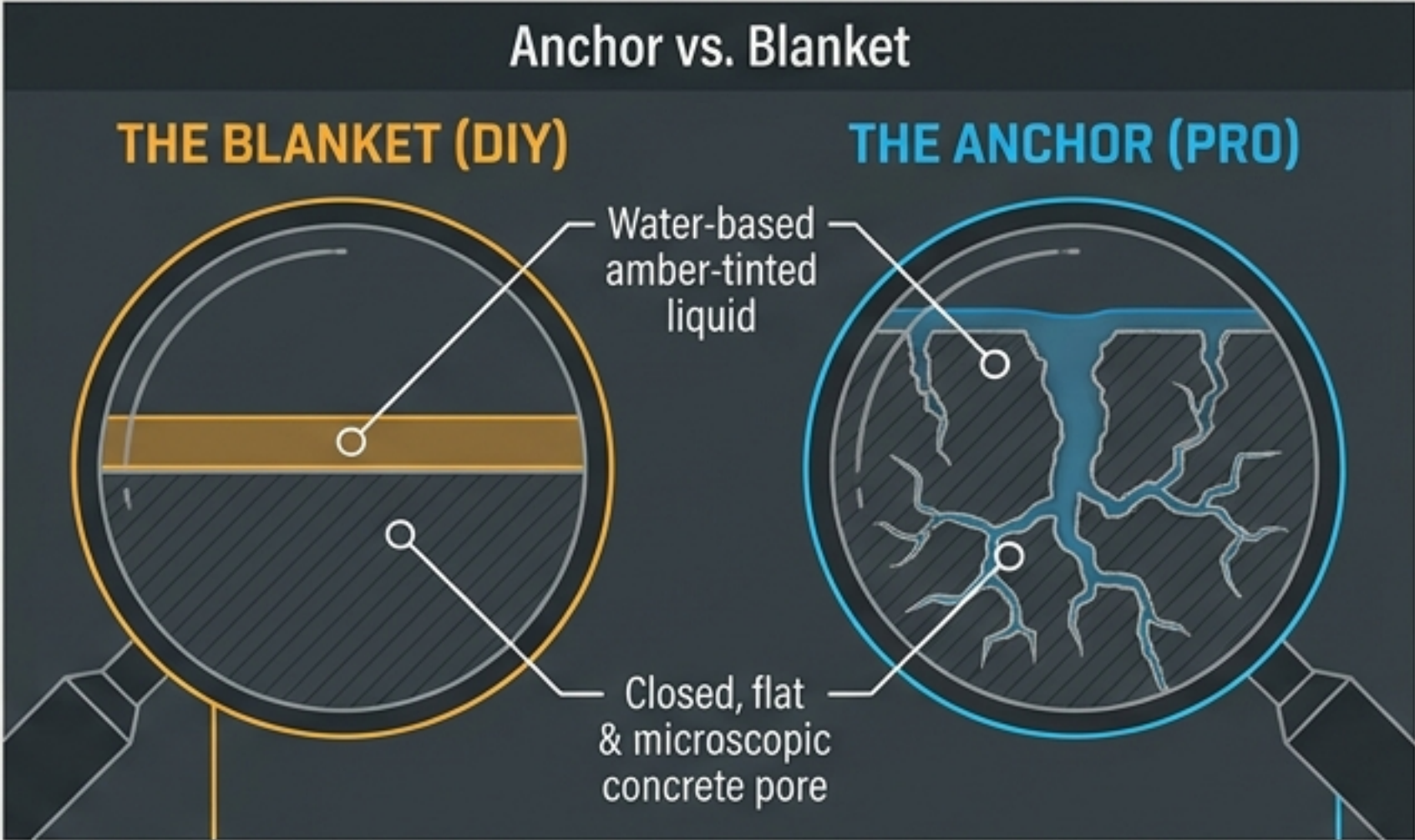


DIY EPOXY KIT VS. PROFESSIONAL COATING: THE 12-YEAR COMPARISON

Evaluating whether the immediate upfront savings of a retail DIY kit offset its long-term maintenance and replacement cycles.



THE CHEMISTRY OF ADHESION: PAINT VS. CHEMICAL CROSS-LINKING

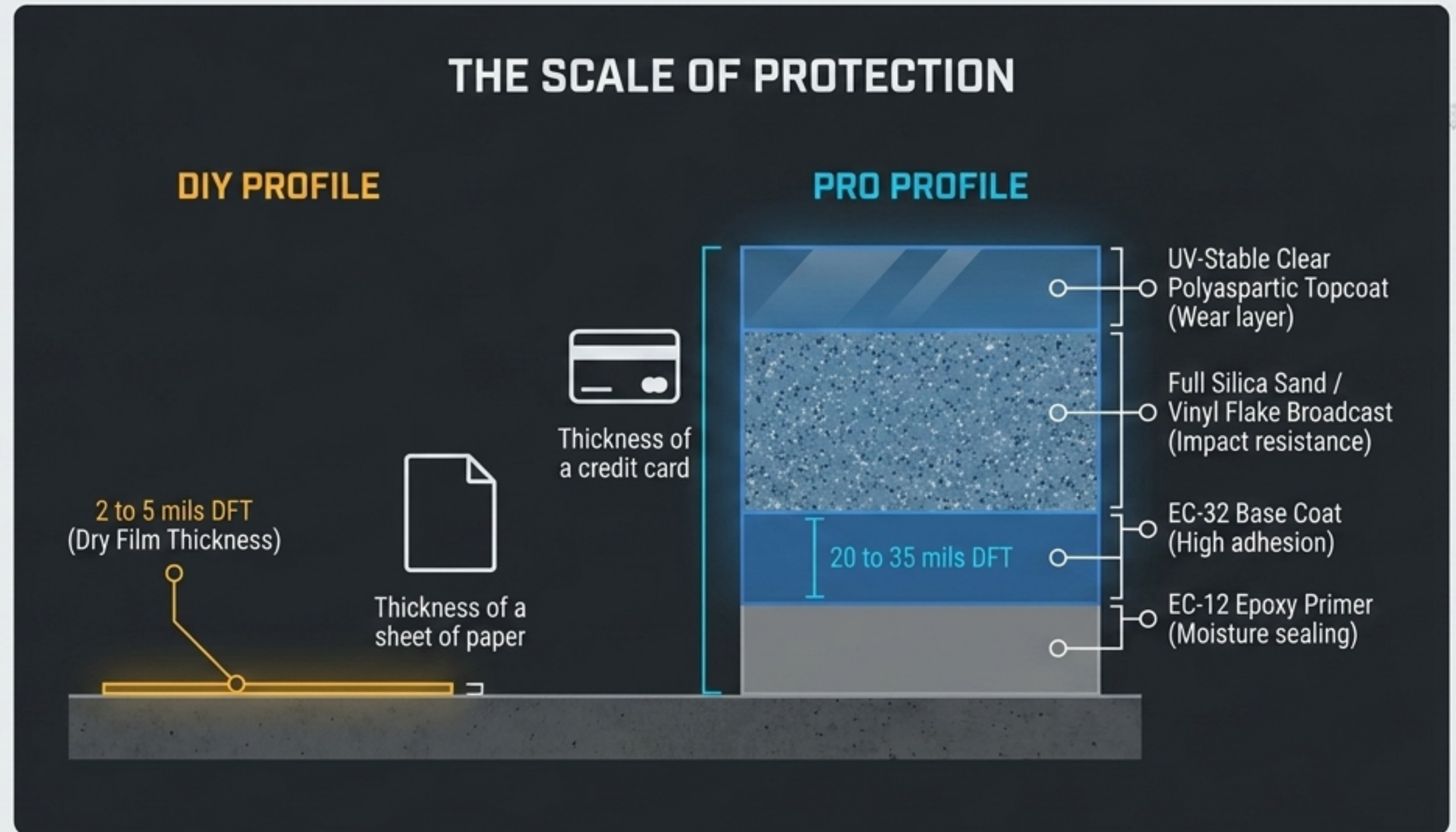


VARIABLE	DIY BOX KIT	PROFESSIONAL COATING
Chemical Base	Water-based latex paint fortified with epoxy	100% Solids Epoxy / CycloSpartic Polyurea
Flexibility	Rigid; cracks under thermal expansion	Flexes with the slab; withstands -30°F to 140°F
Cure Strength	Standard surface dry	Up to 20x stronger than retail epoxy
Chemical Resistance	Stains from gas, anti-freeze, and road salt	Industrial resistance; impervious to fluids

WHY MILLIMETERS OF THICKNESS DECIDE FLOOR LIFESPAN

Professional multi-layer broadcast systems offer up to 10 times the protective thickness of a standard retail box kit.

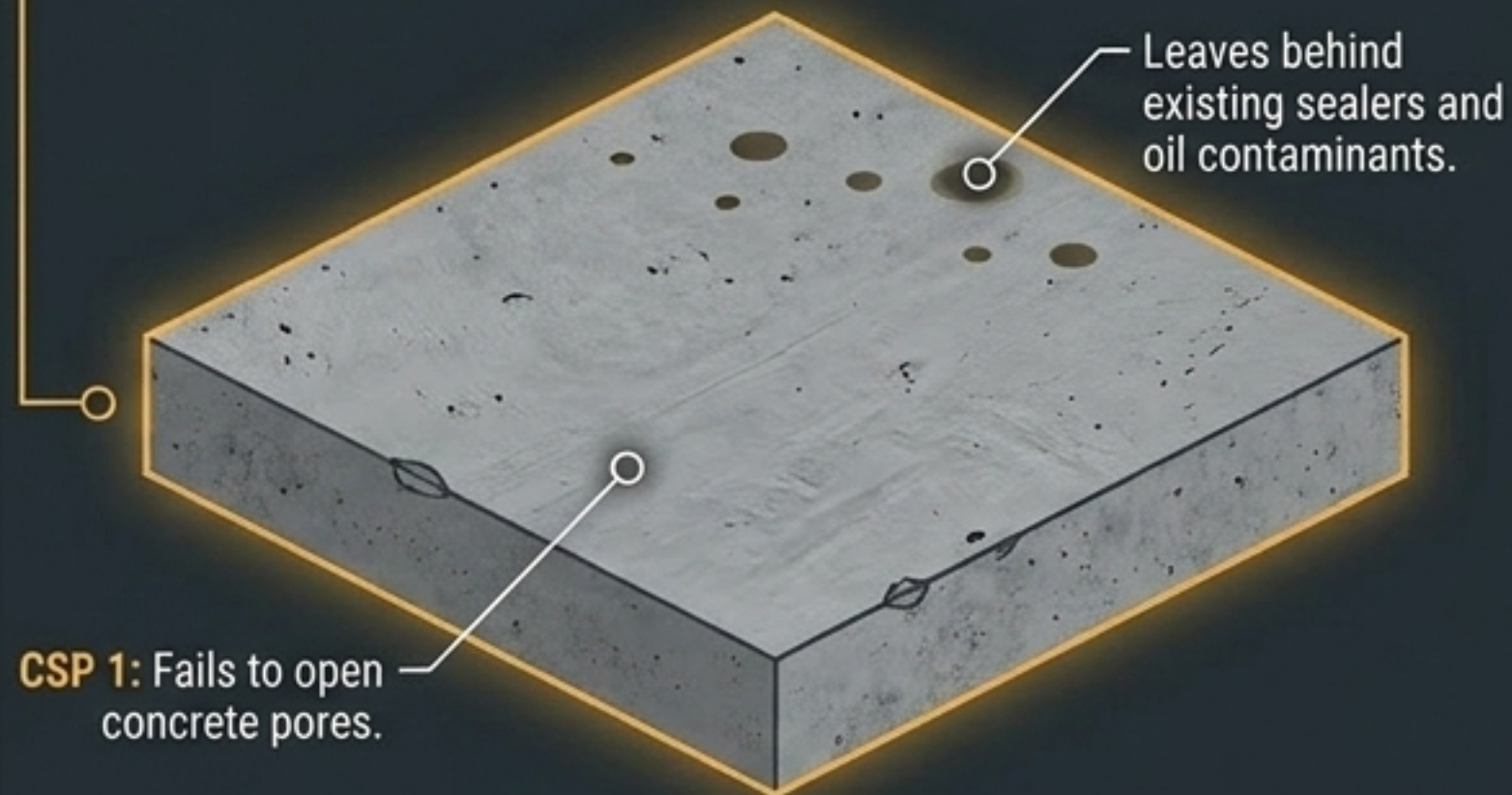
This massive physical gap provides the critical barrier needed against dropped tools, physical impact, and daily vehicle wear.



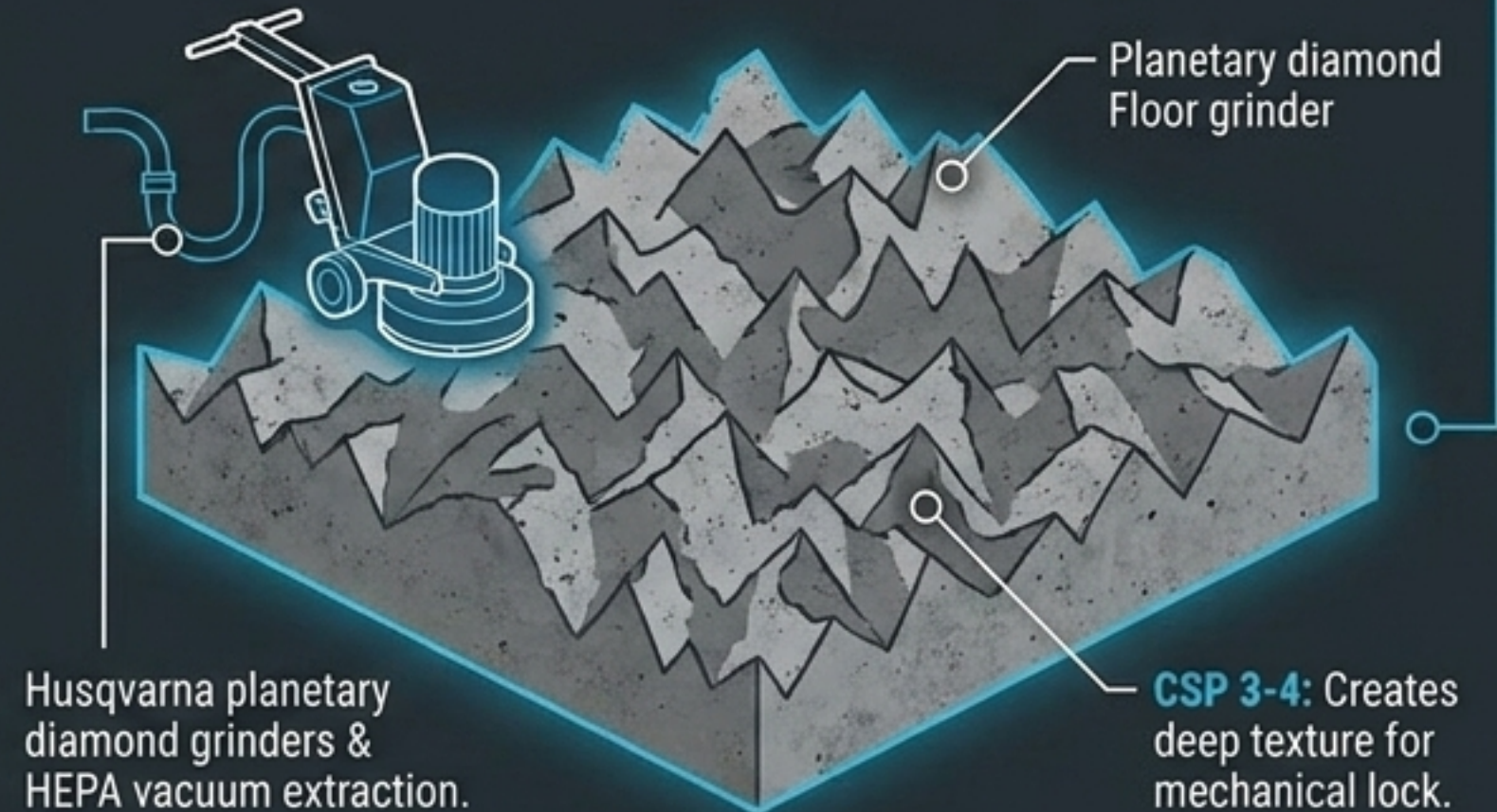
THE PREP WORK DETERMINES THE LIFETIME

Without heavy mechanical abrasion to achieve a Concrete Surface Profile (CSP) of 3-4, the substrate remains too smooth. The best chemical coating in the world will fail if the concrete isn't violently textured to provide mechanical bite.

DIY Prep: Acid Etching



Professional Prep: Mechanical Abrasion

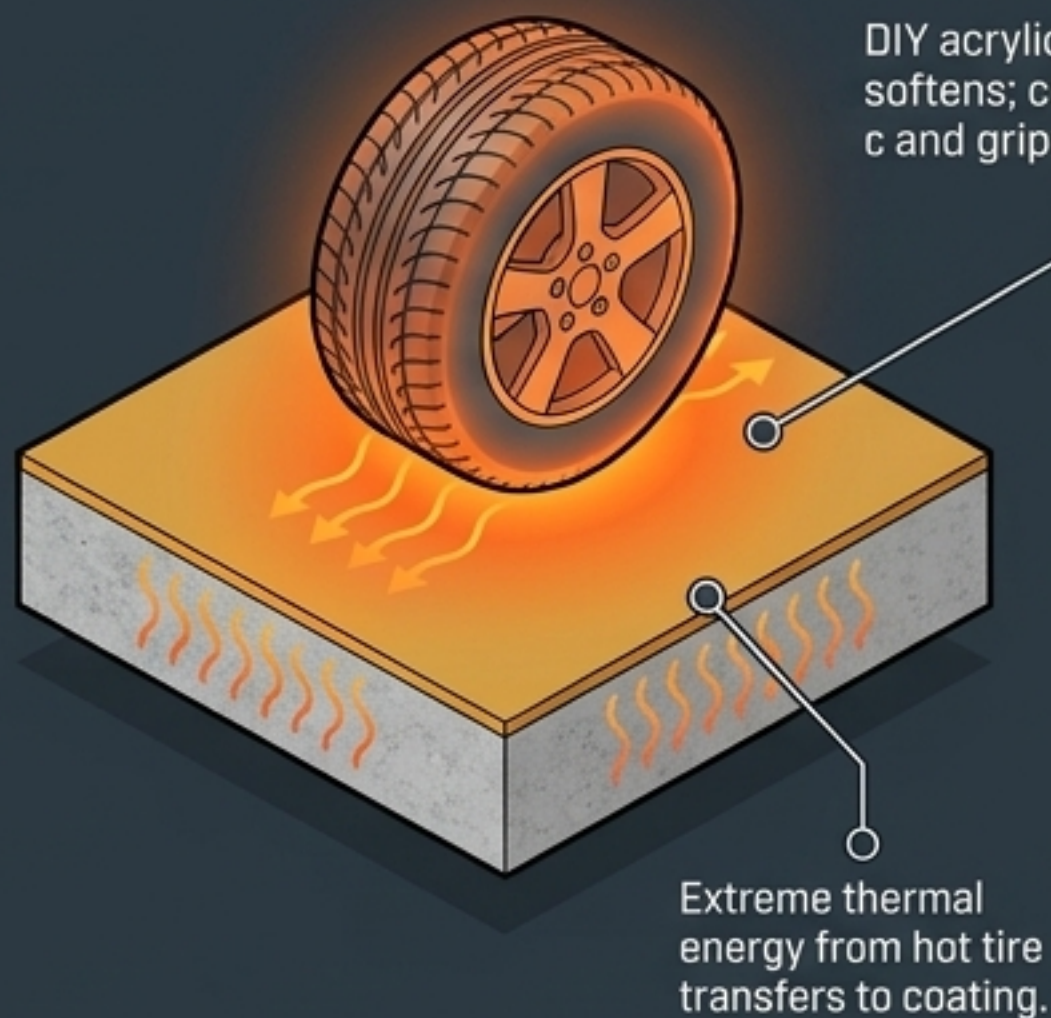


SURVIVING THE SUMMER: HOT-TIRE PEEL AND STAINING

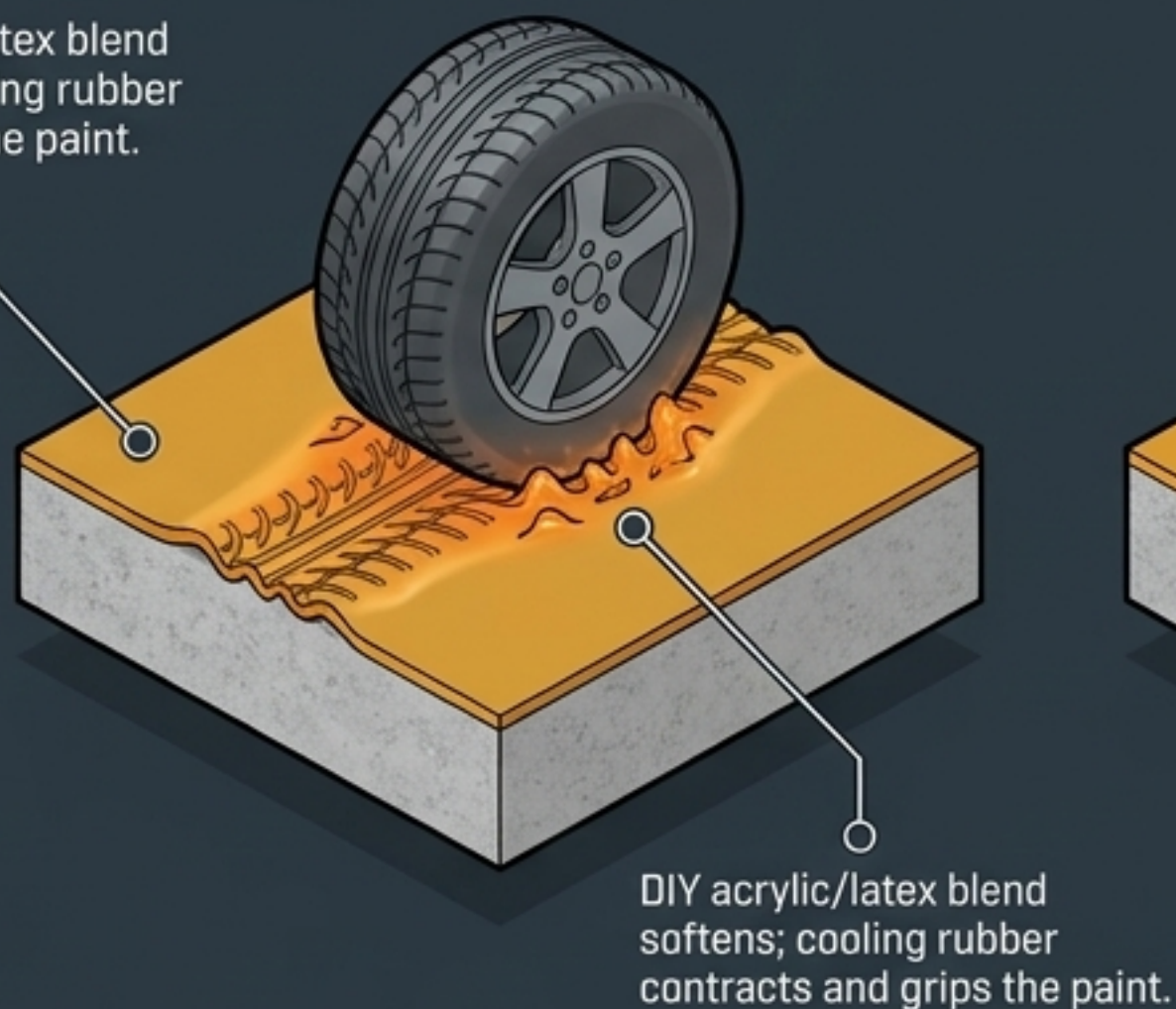
Standard DIY paints remain thermoplastic—they soften under heat. Professional systems utilize polyaspartic topcoats that cure into an immovable thermoset plastic, completely resistant to hot tires, road salt, and motor oil.

3-STEP SEQUENCE MODEL: THE HOT-TIRE MECHANISM

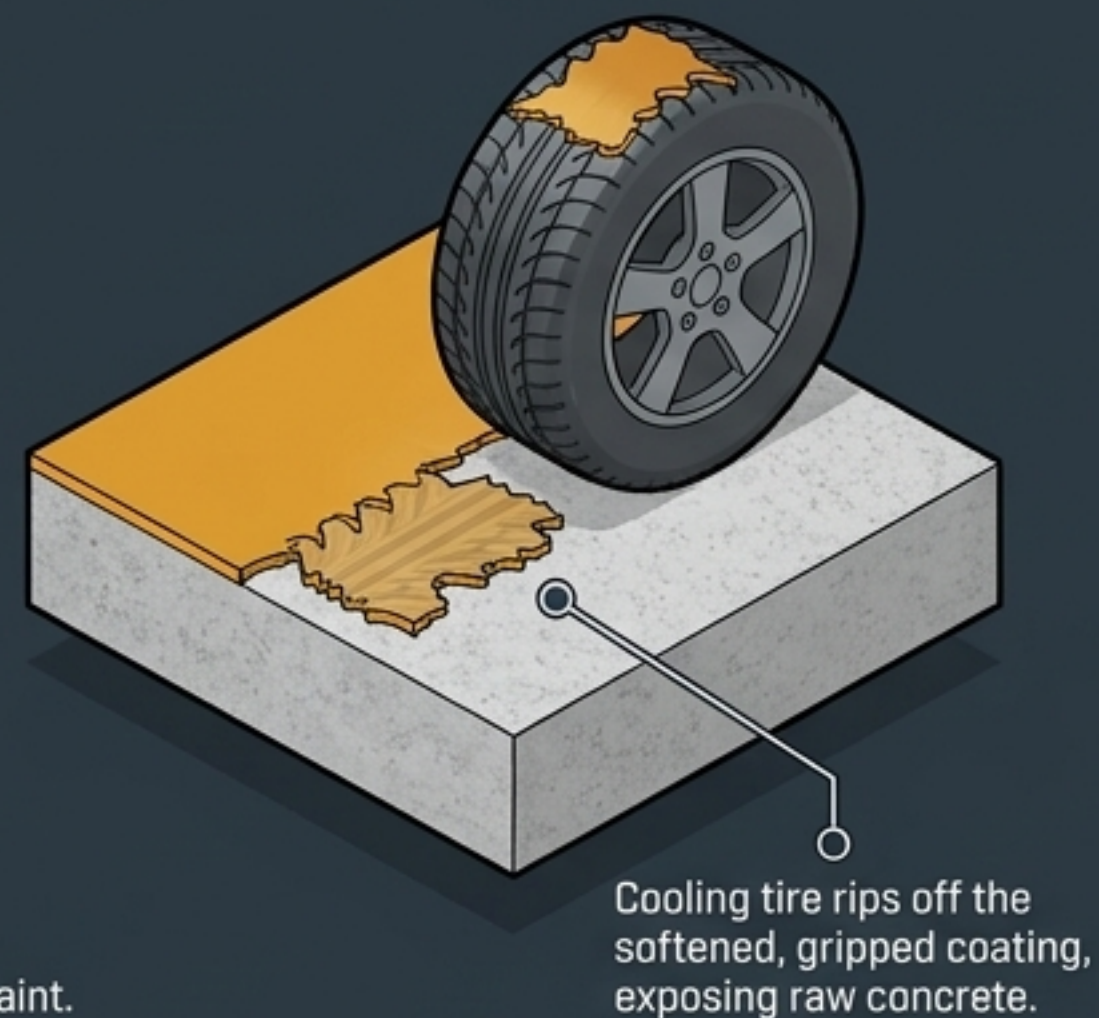
THE HEAT TRANSFER



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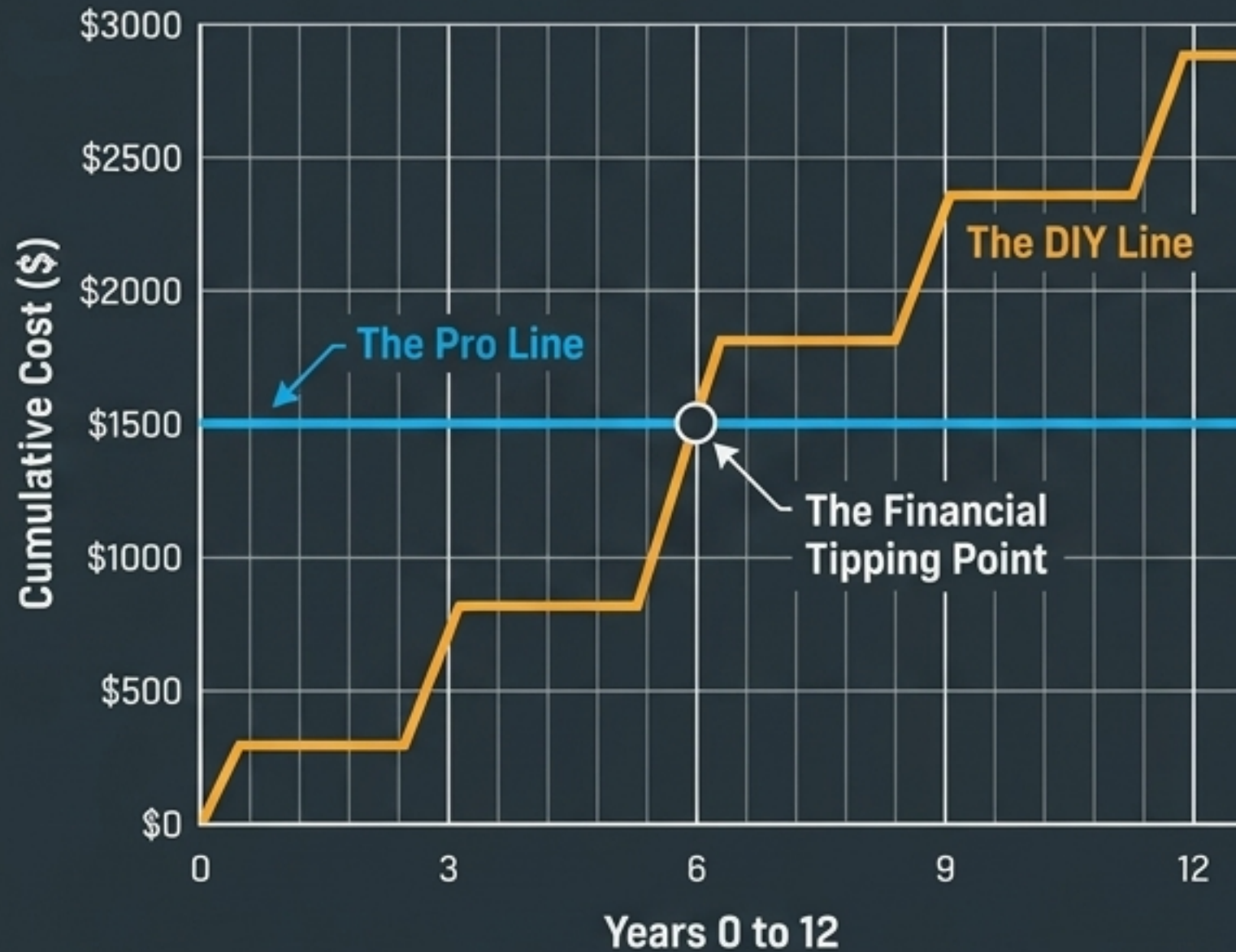
THE PEEL



Professional CycloSpartic/Epoxy bonds withstand up to 140°F pavement temperatures with zero delamination.

THE FINANCIAL VERDICT: LONG-TERM COST ANALYSIS

Cumulative Investment Timeline



The 12-Year Audit Data Box

DIY SYSTEM COST

- **Upfront:** \$60 to \$160 per kit
- **Maintenance:** Requires continuous scraping and recoating.
- **Hidden Cost:** \$720 to \$1,920 in recurring material costs over 12 years.
- **Labor Toll:** 3 full months (12 weekends) of cumulative grueling labor.

PROFESSIONAL SYSTEM COST

- **Upfront:** \$4 to \$7 per sq. ft.
- **Maintenance:** Zero additional investment of time or money required.
- **Hidden Cost:** \$0 over a 12-to-15-year lifespan.
- **Labor Toll:** 0 hours. Sweeping and mopping is the only maintenance.