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# Easy Color™ Concrete Stain

Easy Color™ Concrete Stain can convert plain gray concrete into beautiful decorative concrete without the harsh chemical, the labor intensive process and the expense of acid staining. Easy Color™ Concrete Stain is a concentrated stain that dilutes in acetone. Beginning with a properly prepared surface, these stains can be applied and sealed in the same day, minimizing down me. The semi-transparent properties allow the variations in the substrate to enhance the natural look. Colors, can be blended to create a much wider color palette or faux finishes.

#### PRODUCT FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Can convert plain gray concrete into beautiful decorative concrete without the harsh chemical, the labor intensive process and the expense of acid staining.
- Can be applied and sealed in the same day, minimizing down time, when the surface is properly prepared.
- Semi-transparent properties allow the variations in the substrate to enhance the natural look.
- Can be mixed together to make many other additional colors or expand the color selection.
- Can be applied inside or outside to walkways, driveways, pool decks, patios, plazas, street pavements and more.
- Create broad artistic potential. Utilize an experienced contractor or artisan for installations.

# PRIOR TO APPLICATION

- Always create an actual finished mock-up sample for review prior to installation of each project.
- Concrete must be at least 28 days old and free of oil, dirt and any other contaminant that could inhibit proper penetration.
- Clean surface prior to application.
- On smooth or hard-troweled concrete, further abrasion of the concrete may be necessary.
- For extremely dirty surfaces, the use of a concrete degreaser and neutralizer is recommended.
- Rinse with clean water and pressure wash.
- Allow the surface to dry 24 hours before applying the stain. Protect all surrounding walls, furniture, etc., from overspray.

# **MIXING INSTRUCTIONS**

- Easy Color™ Concrete Stain concentrate should be added to one gallon of acetone in a sprayer.
- Use acetone to rinse color concentrate from bottle and mix the two ingredients thoroughly.

#### **REQUIRED TOOLS & MATERIALS**

- Acetone resistant pump-up sprayer with a conical tip.
- · Absorbent cloth or small container to catch drips.
- · Painters tape and plastic sheeting.
- Synthetic bristle brush (optional).
- Acetone for cleaning equipment.

#### PRODUCT APPLICATION

- Apply with an acetone-resistant pump-up sprayer using a conical, fine-spray tip. Small areas can be brushed using a circular motion to avoid brush strokes. Take care to maintain a wet edge to avoid lines and avoid puddling the Easy Color™ Concrete Stain.
- Avoid drips: Prior to application, tape a piece of cloth or a small
  container to the sprayer body to catch drips while not spraying the
  material. Place the tip of the spray wand on the cloth or into the small
  container immediately after releasing the spray handle.
- For a more uniform final appearance, apply Easy Color™ Concrete Stain in a uniform manner.
- For a mottled or variegated (acid stain appearance) look, apply in a random, circular motion with some overlapping motions.
- Colors may be blended to produce a larger color palette or layered to produce a very unique final appearance.
- Coverage rates will vary depending on the depth of color desired and porosity of the surface.

# TO SEAL EASY COLOR™ CONCRETE STAIN

 Seal as soon as concrete is dry to the touch. Spray-apply the first coat of sealer to lock in color.

# **MAINTENANCE**

All installations should be maintained on a routine basis with the use of maintenance products to ensure the preservation of a high-quality long-lasting surface. Maintenance schedules will vary depending on a number of factors, including volume and intensity of traffic, ultraviolet light exposure, geographical location and weather conditions. Resealing will be required periodically, depending on the amount of traffic. As with any other surface treatment, the lifetime of this product is dependent on the care it is given.

- Proper maintenance is essential to maintaining the decorative aesthetics of your project.
- On interior applications where a sealer is applied, cleanusing a pH neutral cleaner and rinsing with water.
- For exterior applications clean with water.
- Inspect periodically and reseal as necessary. The use of a qualified flooring maintenance contractor is recommended for resealing, especially in commercial applications.



## **PRODUCT LIMITATIONS**

Easy Color™ Concrete Stain should not be applied to smooth or hard-troweled surfaces unless proper surface preparation has been performed.

**Note:** Colors shown in our printed literature and at www.bontool.com approximate the final color, after a coat of sealer has been applied. Many factors outside of our control affect the final outcome of the project. Please consider mix ratio, hydration, cement, aggregate, cure time and other factors upon review of the final project. It is recommended to perform a test pour.

#### PACKAGING AND COVERAGE INFORMATION

Easy Color™ Concrete Stain is available in 1-pint container (when mixed with acetone it makes 1-gallon).

- Coverage rates may vary depending on the texture, porosity and condition of the concrete, application method, and other local conditions.
- Coverage is approximately 200 square feet per gallon, on smooth concrete.
- More material will be required for more porous or to achieve deeper coloration.

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

- VOC: <350 g/L
- Flash Point: 114 °F

#### PRODUCT SHELF LIFE/STORAGE

Should be stored indoors, away from heat or direct sunlight. Do not store below 40 °F. If the Liquid freezes, discard. Shelf life: 12 months.

#### PRODUCT HANDLING

Prior to using Easy Color™ Concrete Stain please reference the corresponding Safety Data Sheet to ensure safe handling.

# **WARRANTY**

Easy Color™ Concrete Stain is a proprietary product, warranted to be of uniform quality within our stringent manufacturing tolerances. As no control is exercised over the product use, no warranty is made as to the effects of such use (neither expressed nor implied). Obligation of the seller and manufacturer under this warranty shall be limited to a refund of the purchase price of that portion of the material proven to be defective. The user assumes all other risk and liability resulting from uses of this product.

