

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I read batch codes?

Year Day Month

Example: 200310

(October 3, 2020)

What's the products shelf life?

- 2 to 3 years
- Stored in cool area
- Keep out of the heat

How do I apply?

- Please refer to our YouTube videos. We have step-by-step tutorials
- Technical Data Sheets (TDS) on our website have instructions as well

Should I brush, roll on, or spray?

- Personal preference
- Each application gives a different finish
- Always do a test area first

What kind of brush/ roller/ sprayer do I use?

Brush:

- We do not recommend using a brush

Roller:

- 3/8-inch nap roller
- Make sure to de-lint it first with tape, so fuzzies do not get on the surface

Sprayer:

- Handheld Hudson sprayer, backpack sprayer, airless sprayer, pump sprayer.
- Anything with a CONE tip. NO FAN TIPS- they leave streak marks

After I clean, how long do I wait until I can start staining?

- We recommend cleaning the day before, that way you can come in the next day and see any spots you missed.
- Stain & Seal next day

How many coats do I apply?

***Cleaners *Stains *Sealers**

- We always recommend 2 coats
- You can do 3 for a heavier color
- You can do 1 for a lighter color
- It is personal preference

How long do I wait in between coats?

30 mins or so. It depends on the temperature.

-As long as the surface is dry, you can apply the next coat.

After staining, when can I seal?

-Approximately 1 hour after staining.

-As long as the stain is dry, you can apply sealer

Does each gallon's coverage include 2 coats or 1?

-Each gallon's coverage includes 2 coats

Can I use the densifier/ penetrating sealer over a stain?

-No. Penetrating sealers cannot go over stains.

-Must be used alone

Can I dilute the stain to get more coverage or to make the color lighter?

-No. We recommend lighter applications because color can always be built up.

Can I mix 2 different colors together? Same colors?

-No, never mix stains together.

-You can absolutely spray 2 colors, as long as they are dry in between applications

-If you have 2 of the same colors, we always suggest you mix both gallons together for even pigmentation.

What does the Classic Organic Concrete Cleaner do?

-Removes grease, oil, calcium, and efflorescence from the surface

-Opens up the pores of the concrete to accept the stain

-Can do it 3-4 times to make your concrete look sandblasted

Why do I have to clean my concrete with Classic Organic Concrete Cleaner? Can I just pressure wash it with water?

-90% of the job is cleaning! You must clean with Classic Organic Concrete Cleaner. It works as a system with our stains.

-It is worth it to prepare the surface properly so no issues come up later after you've stained and sealed.

We just poured brand new concrete, when can I start staining?

-Concrete needs at least 28 days to fully cure

I have brand new concrete, so I don't need to clean with the Organic Concrete Cleaner, right?

-No. Even brand new concrete needs to be cleaned!

I have 5-year-old concrete that's never been stained, I don't need to clean with the Organic Concrete Cleaner, right?

- No. All concrete surfaces should be cleaned before staining + sealing.
- It Doesn't matter if it's never been stained, there can still be calcium or efflorescence sitting deep inside that needs to be cleaned out, or it will come up later

Does the product come ready, or do I have to mix with water?

- All products come ready to go.
- Make sure to mix/ shake very well because pigment tends to sit on the bottom

I have 2 gallons of the same stain but the colors are coming out different?

- Color sits on the bottom
- Go over how to mix product properly:
 1. Pour 80% out into a 5 gal bucket.
 2. Close the gallon and shake the remainder of the product very very well
 3. Pour the rest into the bucket
 4. Pour back into gallon with a funnel

I need to start over. How can I remove paint/stain/sealer?

- Use Classic Strip Away, then pressure wash off
- *Must use Eco Etch after because the stripper is an oil based

When using Classic Organic Concrete Cleaner and Classic Strip Away:

Do I have to pressure wash? Can I just rinse well with a hose?

- No, you cannot use a hose because it is not powerful enough. You must use pressure washer