

# WB CONCRETE STAIN

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Deco-Crete's Water-Based Concrete Stain is a translucent stain that allows you to create beautiful natural looking colors that will enhance the appearance of porous concrete slabs, concrete overlays, and vertical concrete. Unlike most water-based concrete stains, Deco-Crete Water-Based Stain is formulated without any acrylic additives. This allows for maximum penetration of the concrete's pores and leads to a longer life for your project. Because this stain has no acrylic additives, some of the dried stain can be removed before sealing, which allows you to create additional mottling effects if desired. Once you have achieved the look you want, a sealer must be applied to lock in the color. The stain comes in a concentrated formula that gets mixed with water. This easy-to-use stain is perfect for both DIYers and decorative concrete professionals.

# **TECHNICAL INFO**

- + Mix ratio: .....1:3
- + Coverage ......250-350 sq. ft. per Gal.
- + Clean up .....water
- + Dry to touch......15-30min
- + Application temp.....45°-85°
- + Packaging ..... 32oz & 4oz
  - -32oz .....yields 1 Gal
  - -4oz.....yields 16oz

# RECOMENDED APPLICATIONS

- + Vertical concrete
- + Concrete overlay
- + Stamp concrete
- + Porous concrete slabs
- + Concrete walls



## **OUICK FACTS**

- + No acrylic additive allows for maximum penetration & long life
- +22 Colors available
- + Translucent water-based concrete stain
- +The concentrated formula gives you freedom to mix as much or a little as needed
- + Great for both DIYers & professional contractors
- + Concentrated pigment must be mixed with water
- + Made in the USA



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# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

### **MIXING INSTRUCTIONS**

Start by thoroughly mixing the concentrated pigment before adding water (this is less important if you're mixing the entire bottle.) If you are only mixing a small amount and you skip this step or mess it up, the color won't turn out right. Now you can mix I part of the pigment with 3 parts water. Make sure to use a measuring container for this and be precise. It doesn't matter what the amount is as long as you end with equal parts. Now, thoroughly mix with a paint stick. Deco-Crete never recommends adding less than three parts water, but feel free to experiment with adding additional water to get more of a translucent look.

#### SURFACE PREP

All concrete substrates must be at least 28 days old. Concrete overlays & vertical concrete will cure out faster, so make sure to follow instructions for the specific product you're using.

All surfaces you plan on applying the stain to must be unsealed (this is important because the stain will not bond to sealers or coatings.) The surface also needs to be properly cleaned and free of all contaminants. After cleaning, allow the substrate to dry completely before applying the stain.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Deco-Crete's Water Based Concrete Stain can be applied by spraying or with a paintbrush. Trigger spray bottles work great for vertical concrete walls or adding accents to larger areas. Pump-up style sprayers will be more efficient for horizontal slabs. PaintBrush application works well for staining individual stones or boards on stamped concrete or concrete overlays. You can use a sea sponge or rag to blot the stain as it dries to create a more mottled look.

If you have any stain left over after application, make sure to store it in an airtight container so it'll be usable on your next job. Just make sure to re-mix it at the time because some of the pigment may settle a bit during storage.

After the stain has dried, you'll still be able to remove some of it before sealing. This can help you add additional mottling effects if you want them. But if you like it just the way it is, make to avoid dragging things across the stained area so you don't disturb any of the dried stain.

### SEALING

Deco-Crete Water Based Stain must be sealed to keep the stain in place. Failing to do so would lead to rapid color loss & re-application would be required. Let the stain dry for a minimum of 12 hours before applying any type of sealer. Sealer selection is important and will determine the final color and sheen. A sealer like *D-Shield* or *Color Boost WB* will create the most natural-looking results for vertical concrete. For horizontal surfaces, a solvent-based sealer or coating will darken the color and form a film on the surface that provides added stain protection and easy cleaning. Film-forming sealers & coatings will vary in sheen levels. For exterior slabs, D-One form Deco-Crete will darken the color, provide maximum protection, and has a satin sheen level. Please see Deco-Crete's full line of high-performance concrete coatings for options on interior applications.

# SHELF LIFE

+ Water Based Stain has a shelf life of one year from manufacture in it's original, sealed, unopened, container.



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