



FAQs

Why should I seal/stain my concrete surface?

Sealing or staining your concrete not only beautifies and enhances the appearance of the surface, but also protects it from harmful UV rays, de-icing salts, household chemicals, oil and the like.

How well do these coatings stand up to extreme weather conditions?

QUIKRETE® coatings are designed to stand up to the harshest weather conditions. Fortified with new, heavy duty resin technology, they form a secure and durable bond with the surface to protect against the sun's harmful UV rays, rain and snow. QUIKRETE coatings will protect your concrete surface for years.

How does it stand up against oils, stains, salts and discoloration?

QUIKRETE coatings form a secure bond with the surface, preventing oils, stains and salts from penetrating your concrete and doing damage. The coatings are specially formulated to resist these harmful substances and keep your concrete looking great.

What should I use around my swimming pool?

QUIKRETE Semi-Transparent Concrete Stain is a beautiful option around swimming pools, providing a natural stone finish with a hint of color. If you prefer a solid color finish, choose either the Multi-Surface Concrete Sealer or Multi-Surface Concrete Stain. If you're not interested in color, the Natural Look Waterproofer or Wet Look High Gloss Sealer finishes provide great protection from the sun's UV rays while allowing the natural look of the surface to show through.

What are the color choices?

QUIKRETE offers a full palette of stylish colors. The QUIKRETE Semi-Transparent Concrete Stain is available in 29 colors. When using the Epoxy Garage Floor Coating, Multi-Surface Concrete Sealer or Multi-Surface Concrete Stain, you can choose from over 60 color options.

Will the coating wear or chip off?

QUIKRETE coatings are formulated with a new heavy-duty resin technology to resist peeling, cracking or flaking. With proper surface preparation, QUIKRETE Epoxy Garage Floor Coating forms a bond with the surface that is 2X stronger than concrete.

Can I apply paint or sealer to any concrete surface?

No. There are a couple of situations where QUIKRETE products are not recommended. Brand new concrete should not be sealed for 60 days, until the surface has had time to cure. If your concrete has a previous sealer present we do not recommend applying another product on top, as it may not adhere properly. It is always best to test the porosity and moisture content of the concrete to determine if it is acceptable to apply a coating.

How do I test for porosity?

Sprinkle water onto the surface to see if water soaks in easily without beading at the surface. If so, proceed with the application process. If the water beads at the surface it is an indication that a water repellent sealer is present. You must strip the sealer from the surface and etch and thoroughly clean before you apply the coating.

How do I test for moisture content?

Tape a one-foot square piece of plastic wrap to one or two areas of concrete, making sure all edges are tightly sealed. After 24 hours, check the underside of the plastic wrap for condensation. If condensation is present,

moisture migration is taking place and it will be nearly impossible for any paint to adhere or any stain to penetrate into the surface. The source of the moisture must be corrected before using a QUIKRETE coating.

How much time should I allow for application?

Most projects can be completed over a 1-2 day period. Plan for 1-2 hours of surface preparation to apply BOND•LOK™ 3 in 1 Cleaner, Degreaser and Etcher. Let dry overnight. Always consult the label instructions as each QUIKRETE coating has a designated dry time.

How soon can the surface be used after application of a QUIKRETE product?

Always consult the label instructions for coating dry time as many of the products vary. Generally speaking, most coatings will be dry enough for light foot traffic within 24 hours.

How do I clean up after my project?

Always consult the label instructions for specific details. Most QUIKRETE coatings can be easily cleaned up with soap and water.