



## ColorWave® Water-Based Concrete Stain How-To Guide

### Step 1: Preparation

- Cover areas at risk of over-spray with plastic drop cloth
- Newly poured concrete must cure for 30 days before application
- For existing concrete:
  - Remove paint or previously applied sealer using Soy Gel Stripper
  - Remove carpet glue or other adhesives using Bean-e-doo Mastic Remover
  - Remove oils, dirt, debris, Soy Gel Stripper, Bean-e-doo Mastic Remover, using Scrub Brush and ProClean Degreaser™
- Verify absorption by pouring a cup of water in various areas. If not absorbed within 5 minutes, etch the surface with Hard Troweled Floor Pre-Treatment
- Allow the concrete to thoroughly dry before Application

### Step 2: Application

Coverage rate is approximately 200 square feet per gallon. Coverage rates may vary based on concrete texture, surface porosity, and application method.

NOTE: Only apply ColorWave® Water-Based Concrete Stain when surface temperature is between 40 °F (4 °C) and 95 °F (35 °C).

Caution: May be harmful if swallowed or ingested. Contact with skin can cause mild irritation. Avoid contact with eyes.

#### Spraying:

- Remove all filters from Pump-Up Sprayer
- Shake ColorWave® well before pouring into sprayer
- Begin spraying at a far corner to maintain a clear path to exit
- Spray ColorWave® on surface in slightly circular motions with irregular overlaps
  - Shake sprayer tank from side to side often to prevent color from settling
  - Spray thin coats to avoid puddling
- To develop deeper color, apply additional coats using the same method (maximum of 4 thin coats)
  - Allow 8 hours between coats
  - Dry for at least 8 hours before applying a sealer

### Step 3: Seal & Protect Finish

- Apply 2 thin coats of sealer with AcquaSeal™ or EasySeal™
  - For interior only: Also apply 2 thin coats of ProWax Polish™
- For additional application instructions see AcquaSeal™, EasySeal™, and ProWax Polish™ How-To Guides

#### Pro Tips:

- To avoid droplets dripping onto surface, before releasing sprayer trigger immediately place tip in a bucket
- Multiple colors may be creatively layered or blended

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### Clean-Up:

- Clean tools and supplies with ProClean Degreaser™ and warm water

### Maintenance:

- For exterior: Protect finish every 2 years as needed with AcquaSeal™ or EasySeal™
- For interior: Protect finish every 2 years with ProWax Polish™ or spot treat high-traffic areas as needed
- For additional application instructions see AcquaSeal™, EasySeal™, and ProWax Polish™ How-To Guides

### Tools & Supplies:

- Pump-up Sprayer
- Plastic Drop Cloth
- Scrub Brush
- Spiked Shoes (if using Hard Troweled Floor Pre-Treatment)

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