



AcquaTint™ 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 any oils, dirt, debris, Soy Gel Stripper, or 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 five minutes, etch surface with CitrusEtch™, then neutralize surface with ProClean Neutralizer™ and rinse thoroughly.
- Allow concrete to thoroughly dry before application.

Step 2: Application

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

NOTE: Only apply AcquaTint™ 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.

Option 1: Spraying (*preferred method*)

- Remove all filters from pump-up sprayer.
- Shake AcquaTint™ well before pouring into sprayer.
- Spray AcquaTint™ 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.
- Allow 12 hours before applying second coat (maximum of two thin coats).
 - Use a thumbnail to see if coat dents or scratches; if so, allow more time to cure.
- Apply a second coat following same method.

Option 2: Rolling

- Shake AcquaTint™ well before pouring into paint tray.
- Use 3/8" nap roller to apply first thin coat and roll in one direction only.
 - Do not apply pressure to roller as this will cause streaking (let weight of roller do the work).
- Allow 12 hours before applying second coat (maximum of two thin coats).
 - Use a thumbnail to see if coat dents or scratches; if so, allow more time to cure.
- Apply a second coat in opposite direction following same method.



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WAIT UNTIL CURED:

- 24 hours before foot traffic or placing heavy furniture
- 48 hours before driving over surface or allowing parked vehicles

Step 3: Seal & Protect Finish

- For exterior: Allow AcquaTint™ to cure for 12 hours and then apply one thin coat of AcquaSeal™.
- For interior: Allow AcquaTint™ to cure for 48 hours and then apply two thin coats of ProWax Polish™.
- For additional application instructions, see AcquaSeal™ and ProWax Polish™ How-To Guides.

Pro Tips:

- Begin spraying at a far corner to maintain a clear path to exit.
- If sealer is pooling or appears uneven, backroll with a 3/8" nap roller.
 - Roller must be wetted in sealer with excess rung out before back rolling.
- To avoid droplets dripping onto surface: before releasing sprayer trigger, immediately place tip in a bucket.

Cleanup:

- Uncured AcquaTint™: Clean tools and supplies with ProClean™ Degreaser and warm water.
- Cured AcquaTint™: Clean tools and supplies with Soy Gel Stripper.

Maintenance:

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

Tools & Supplies:

- Pump-up sprayer
- 3/8" Nap roller and paint tray (if rolling)
- Plastic drop cloth
- Scrub brush
- Spiked shoes (if using CitrusEtch™)

Disclaimer: Direct Colors does not warranty or guarantee results (outcomes). Concrete variations or improper application may cause unintended results. Test product on an inconspicuous or small area and allow to fully cure to ensure compatibility and desired result.