



DecoGel™ 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 the surface with CitrusEtch™, then neutralize surface with ProClean Neutralizer™ and rinse thoroughly.
- Allow the concrete to thoroughly dry before application.

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

Step 2: Application

Coverage rate is approximately 150 square feet per gallon. Coverage rates may vary based on concrete texture, surface porosity, and application method.

NOTE: Only apply DecoGel™ when surface temperature is between 40 °F (4 °C) and 95 °F (35 °C), and wear spiked shoes to avoid leaving footprints before surface is neutralized.

- Apply a generous coat (1/16" thick) using a foam brush or paint brush.
- Allow stain to react and develop color over 4-6 hours (richer colors may take more time).
- Once desired color has developed, neutralize stain with ProClean Neutralizer™.
 - Remove excess dried DecoGel™ using a scrub brush.
 - Spray a saturating coat of ProClean Neutralizer™ on surface and allow to sit for 15 minutes.
 - Using scrub brush, break up all remaining DecoGel™ residue.
 - Immediately rinse surface with water until surface is clear of residue.
- Allow concrete to thoroughly dry for at least eight hours before applying sealer.
- As surface dries, color begins to look chalky or faded - this is normal. Color will "pop" once sealer is applied.

Step 3: Seal & Protect Finish

- Apply two thin coats of sealer (AcquaSeal™ Water-Based Acrylic Sealer or EasySeal™ Solvent-Based Acrylic Sealer).
 - For interior only: Also apply two thin coats of ProWax Polish™
- For additional application instructions, see AcquaSeal™, EasySeal™, and ProWax Polish™ How-To Guides.



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Pro Tips:

- Darker acid stain colors will override lighter colors. If lighter colors are applied first, follow up with darker colors. If darker colors are applied first, leave bare spots to fill in with lighter colors.
- DecoGel™ reacts with minerals found in Portland Cement. Areas with more minerals will develop more color than areas with less minerals. DecoGel™ will not stain rock or sand.
- If new concrete is being poured, it must have less than 10% Fly Ash for DecoGel™ to work properly.
- DecoGel™ may be used for vertical concrete surfaces such as retaining walls, columns, borders, concrete brick, and stenciling.

Cleanup:

- Neutralize tools and supplies with ProClean Neutralizer™.
- Then wash tools and supplies with ProClean Degreaser™ and warm water.

Maintenance:

- For exterior: Protect finish every two years or as needed with either AcquaSeal™ Water-Based Acrylic Sealer or EasySeal™ Solvent-Based Acrylic Sealer.
- For interior: Protect finish every two 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:

- Foam Brush or paint brush
- Plastic drop cloth
- Scrub brush
- Spiked shoes

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