

Vibrance™

CONCRETE DYE



VIBRANCE™ DYE HOW-TO GUIDE

Concrete must be cured for 30 days before applying Vibrance™



STEP 1: ABSORPTION TEST

- Pour water on concrete and wait 5 minutes.
- If water doesn't soak in, clean and use CitrusEtch™ to etch surface (see CitrusEtch™ How-To Guide for details).
- If concrete absorbs water, it's suitable for Vibrance™ Dye application after completing Step 2.

STEP 2: CLEAN SURFACE

- Remove all dirt, dust, residues, paint, adhesives, and oils from the surface to ensure proper Vibrance™ adhesion.
- If stripping is necessary, use a suitable stripping product that is safe for your specific surface.
- In case of heavily stained or soiled areas, consider using

STEP 3: PREPARE VIBRANCE™ DYE

Vibrance™ Dye is available in pre-measured packets for making 5 ounces, 1 quart, 1 gallon, or 5 gallons of liquid acetone dye.

1. **Select the appropriate packet:** Choose the packet size that corresponds to the desired amount of mixed dye.

- For 5 ounces: Use a 5-ounce Vibrance™ packet
- For 1 quart: Use a 1-quart Vibrance™ packet
- For 1 gallon: Use a 1-gallon Vibrance™ packet
- For 5 gallons: Use a 5-gallon Vibrance™ packet

2. **Pour:** Pour the entire contents of the selected Vibrance™ dye packet into a container of equal volume of acetone (5 ounces, 1 quart, 1 gallon, or 5 gallons).

3. **Shake:** Tightly seal the lid and shake the container vigorously for 20 seconds.



4. **Wait:** Allow the mixture to sit for one hour.

5. **Spray:** Remove all filters from the acetone sprayer, shake the Vibrance™ mixture well, and pour it into the sprayer for application.

CAUTION: When preparing the concrete dye mixture with acetone, it is important to use caution. Do not mix the dye and acetone in the sprayer using any type of electrical mixer. Acetone is highly flammable and using an electrical mixer could pose a fire risk. Instead, manually mix the dye and acetone using a stir stick or by shaking the container vigorously. As always, be sure to store and use acetone in a well-ventilated area and keep it away from heat, sparks, and open flames.

STEP 4: VIBRANCE™ DYE APPLICATION

- 1. Start at a far corner:** Begin spraying at a corner furthest from the exit to maintain a clear path to leave the area.
- 2. Spray technique:** Apply the Vibrance™ acetone dye on the surface using slightly circular motions with irregular overlaps to ensure even coverage. If using multiple colors for a mottled effect, apply them as desired.
- 3. Shake regularly:** Shake the sprayer tank from side to side often to prevent color from settling.
- 4. Thin coats:** Spray thin coats to avoid puddling. For deeper color, apply additional coats (maximum of four thin coats).

<p>Coverage per Gallon: Approximately 150 Sq. Ft. 2 Thin Coats Recommended</p>	<p>Approx. Dry Time: 8 Hr. Recoat 8 Hr. Sealer Application</p>
<p>Temperature Range: Apply Between 40°F (4°C) and 95°F (35°C)</p>	<p>Tools Clean-Up: Acetone</p>

STEP 5: PROTECT & POLISH

Before sealing, use a soft cloth or clean dust mop to remove any clumps or residue from the application.

Note: The color may appear faint after drying, but don't worry – it will become more vibrant once the sealer is applied. Be patient and allow the dye to dry for the recommended time to achieve the best results. Keep in mind that the sealer is a crucial component of the process and should not be skipped.

For Interior Surfaces:

- Seal (mandatory): Apply 2 coats of AcquaSeal™ to seal the surface.
- Polish (recommended): Apply 2 coats of ProWax Polish™ for a polished finish.

For Exterior Surfaces:

- Seal (mandatory): Apply 2 coats of EasySeal™ or AcquaSeal™ for added protection and color longevity.

Refer to the EasySeal™, AcquaSeal™ & ProWax Polish™ How-To Guide for detailed instructions.

Disclaimer: Direct Colors does not provide a warranty for the outcomes of using their products. Results may vary due to concrete variations or improper application, so it is recommended to test the product on a small inconspicuous area before full application. This allows for checking the compatibility and ensuring the desired outcome before fully curing the product.

TOOLS FOR THE JOB



5. Drying time and spiked shoes: Allow eight hours of drying time between coats, and let the final coat dry for at least eight hours before applying a sealer. If you cannot wait for the eight-hour drying time between coats and need to walk on the surface, wear spiked shoes to prevent smudging the base coat color.

6. Remove excess dye: Gently use a dust mop or microfiber mop to remove any excess dye that has not bonded to the surface.

<h3>AcquaSeal™</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water-based • Low odor • Low VOC • 12-hour dry time • Color enhancement 	<h3>EasySeal™</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solvent-based • Strong fumes • Higher VOC • 8-hour dry time • Intense color enhancement
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MAINTENANCE

- Interior:** Apply ProWax Polish™ every 2 years, or spot treat high-traffic areas as needed.
- Exterior:** Apply sealer every 2-3 years. Resealing frequency depends on weather conditions and use.