DESCRIPTION

Eco-Stain™ is a liquid form, semi-transparent, water-based, penetrating concrete stain. Eco-Stain makes use of concrete's porosity and natural tendency to take in moisture to draw in the unique micronized pigments to transform boring, lifeless concrete into a multicolored, antiqued, variegated surface. When you choose any one of the twenty-nine Eco-Stain colors, you are in control of its movement and beauty with its eco-friendly, zero VOC, no rinsing, no neutralizing formula.

Typical applications for Eco-Stain are concrete and concrete overlays: floors, walls, ceilings, countertops, wall panels, and other architectural elements in both residential and commercial settings.

SURFACE PREP

The principles for surface preparation for Eco-Stain are aligned with other coloring agents for cement-based products. The substrate must be:

1. Clean: The surface must be free of dust, dirt, oil, grease, paints, glues, sealers, curing agents, stamp tool releases, efflorescence, chemical contaminants, rust, algae, mildew, and other foreign matter that may prevent proper adhesion. Customarily SCR is appropriate for cleaning. Refer to the SCR TDS. Some cleaning may require other measures that should be evaluated (e.g. grinding, shot blasting).

2. Cured: Eco-Stain is best used on cured concrete and cured concrete overlays. One may apply Eco-Stain on not fully cured concrete, final color may not be realized for 14 to 28 days, or once concrete is fully cured.

3. Sound: No system should be placed on concrete or overlays that are flaking or spalling.

4. Profiled: SCR™ (Super Concrete Renovator) is utilized on every project to properly clean and profile concrete and cement based overlays. On mechanically abraded surfaces, SCR is still recommended.

Note: Some substrates are excessively porous. Concrete and cement based overlays that were finished poorly [not closed with a steel trowel], broomed, or are very old may absorb Eco-Stain™ so deeply that little color, if any, is visible. On these projects the use of Eco-Prime is required. See SC Polymer TDS for details on how to make Eco-Prime).

TEMPERATURE/CURE

As Eco-Stain must be sealed, temperature and cure are addressed according to the selected sealer's requirements. Typically apply when surface and ambient temperatures range between 50°F (10°C) and 90°F (32°C) and will remain that way for 24 hours.

MIXING & APPLICATION

Eco-Stain comes in three different sizes, each designed to match the color chart. The color chart is based on two applications of Eco-Stain at "standard strength." Identify which of the three sizes of Eco-Stain™ you have and follow the mixing instructions for that exact size to ensure you are at "standard strength."

32-ounce Concentrate Eco-Stain is designed to be mixed with water in order to match the color chart. Thoroughly shake the bottle to evenly disperse pigment for 10 to 15 seconds. Pour the Eco-Stain into a one-gallon mixing container (or larger) and add 96 ounces of clean water (three quarts), and then mix for 10 to 15 seconds. At this point, you have created one gallon of "standard strength" Eco-Stain. Eco-Stain can be diluted, if desired, to create a new shade not on the color chart. This dilution can vary from "standard strength" to approximately four parts water to one part Eco-Stain (4:1).
128-ounce Concentrate Eco-Stain is designed to be mixed with water in order to match the color chart. Thoroughly shake the bottle to evenly disperse pigment for 10 to 15 seconds. Pour the Eco-Stain into a five-gallon mixing container (or larger) and add 512 ounces (four gallons) of clean water, and then mechanically mix for 1 to 2 minutes. At this point, you have created 5 gallons of “standard strength” Eco-Stain. Eco-Stain can be diluted, if desired, to create a new shade not on the color chart. This dilution can vary from “standard strength” to approximately four parts water to one part Eco-Stain (4:1).

4-ounce Eco-Stain is "standard strength". No dilution is required to match color chart. Eco-Stain can be diluted, if desired, to create a new shade not on the color chart. This dilution can vary from "standard strength" to approximately four parts water to one part Eco-Stain™ (4:1).

SLIP RESISTANCE

Eco-Stain alone does not affect slip resistance, but the sealer selected to finish the project will. Refer to SureGrip TDS and its accompanying coefficient of friction table to aid in reducing slip or fall on exterior surfaces. SureFinish is used to help on interior applications, see SureFinish TDS.

CHOOSING A SEALER

Once completely dried, Eco-Stain can be sealed with a solvent or water-based acrylic, polyurethane, epoxy, or polylacrylic. For exterior projects, the use of the HS Series Sealer is recommended. On interior applications, many prefer a high-performance coating such as DK 400 or DK 400WB.

SUITABILITY SAMPLE

Always prepare an adequate number of onsite test areas on the intended substrate to establish aesthetic suitability for products’ intended use.

CLEAN-UP

Eco-Stain can be cleaned up with water.

DISPOSAL

Contact your local government household hazardous waste coordinator for information on disposal of unused product.

LIMITATIONS

- Eco-Stain™ does not carry a sealant and should not be used as a standalone product.
- Eco-Stain™ sees only porosity and will highlight porosity differences in the surface it is applied to.
- Eco-Stain™ dries a few shades lighter, than when wet. To keep the color enhancement, a color-enhancing sealer or coating must be applied.
- Hard troweled surfaces and other surfaces in which the pores are smaller than the pigment in Eco-Stain™, will cause Eco-Stain™ to dry on the surface.
- If sealer or coating comes off the concrete surface, Eco-Stain™ will also be removed, as it bonded with the protective film applied.

WARRANTY

Warranty of this product, when used according to the directions, is limited to refund of purchase price, or replacement of product (if defective), at manufacturer’s or seller’s option. SureCrete LLC shall not be liable for cost of labor or direct and/or incidental consequential damages.

CAUTIONS

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Inhalation: Avoid prolonged breathing of airborne dust, particularly present during mixing. Use NIOSH approved respirator for nuisance if threshold limit values are unsafe. Skin Contact: Skin contact may cause irritation. Remove contaminated clothing and wash affected skin with soap and water. Launder clothing before reuse. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. Eyes: Wear safety eye protection when applying. Contact with eyes may cause irritation. Flush eyes with water for 15 minutes. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

The following are links to all available safety data sheets related to this product:

Eco Stain Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

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