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Ecologically Friendly - Water based Concrete Stains

Super Stone Hydro-Tone Color Stains are low VOC, environmentally friendly, water-based stains that provide a long lasting, durable and a decorative finish to interior or exterior concrete and masonry surfaces. Super Stone Hydro-Tone Color Stains are formulated specifically to stain concrete or cementitious toppings. Unlike coatings or paints, which often delaminate when used on concrete, Super Stone Hydro-Tone penetrates cured concrete that is uncolored, color hardened, or integrally colored. It chemically bonds with porous concrete or cementitious toppings producing a high quality translucent color stain. It is durable enough for interior floors, walls, columns and other decorative features. The final installed appearance will be unique depending on the color consistency, condition and porosity of the substrate and the cement and aggregates used.

The color range possible with water-based stains exceeds that of chemical stains, although sometimes they are used together. Water-based stains aren't paints—their particle size is much smaller than that of paint—and they are formulated just for concrete. Water-based stains are intended for concrete surfaces that have a pH between 6 and 10. This means they work better under alkaline than acid conditions. Surfaces must also be porous enough to allow the stains to penetrate and bond. Previous coatings should be completely removed to ensure adequate penetration, so it is recommended that surface be stripped with Super Stone's Strip it Off to prepare the ideal staining surface for your stain of choice. Hard, dense or glazed surfaces such as smooth troweled concrete must be sand blasted or acid etched to permit adequate surface penetration for the perfect color. In addition, Super Stone Hydro-Tone Color stains have fairly good abrasion resistance, but in high traffic areas, clear sealers should be applied to the wearing surface and replaced as needed.

Super Stone Hydro-Tone Color Stains can be sprayed, brushed, or rolled and may be applied full strength or diluted with water to get lighter hue of color. Color is built-up and may require multiple applications to achieve desired intensity. A minimum of two coats is recommended. It contains no hazardous components, yet produces the mottled, variegated look associated with chemical (acid) stains used in decorative concrete. Since there is no chemical reaction, the color is more consistent and will undergo drastic changes during color development. With all the color options available, Super Stone Hydro-Tone Color Stains can help rejuvenate your fading concrete pavers and sidewalks and allow for new looks and colors to enhance your existing concrete surfaces and refresh the look of your own home or business.

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