

# CreteStain Datasheet

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An acid-based mixture containing special chemicals which reacts with the cement/concrete and colour the surface.

## Technical Data

Type	Acid based
Colour	See <a href="http://www.cemcrete.co.za">www.cemcrete.co.za</a>
Working time after mix	Same day use
Application temperature (ambient)	5°C-30°C
Substrate temperature	5°C-30°C
pH scale	Acidic
UV resistance	Stable
Abrasive resistance	Same as substrate it is applied to
Density	1.1kg/litre
Protection during application	Sun and wind barriers
Safety	See MSDS

## Purpose

To permanently stain and colour concrete or any OPC (Ordinary Portland Cement) based substrate permanently.

## Applications

Suitable for permanently staining concrete floors, water features, off-shutter concrete or any previously untreated OPC based article.

## Advantages

Economical application which cannot peel or flake.

## Disadvantages

Does not react with clay bricks unless over-coated with a cement plaster. Must be in contact with the cement/concrete to be effective.

## Specimen finish

A trial area should be treated on-site for the architect's approval and to serve as a specimen to which the contractor should work.

## Site Work

## Storage

12 months. If product is older than 12 months it is recommended that you re-activate it by adding 100ml of Hydrochloric acid per litre.

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## Surface Preparation

Surfaces should not have been previously painted. They should be firm and free from loose material, any form of organic growth whatsoever, oil or grease. Extremely dense, steel or power floated floors may require a light sanding using 240 grit Abranet sand paper in a circular motion or grinding disc, prior to application of **CreteStain** to make it penetrable. Alternatively, the surface can be pre-dampened prior to doing a light acid wash comprising of one part hydrochloric acid diluted with 5 parts water. Always put the water in the bucket first and then slowly add the acid to the water. See protection measures under the safety warning section below. Pour the solution onto the dampened floor and agitate using a stiff nylon broom/brush.

## Mixing

**CreteStain** can be diluted with water if lighter shading is required. We do not recommend diluting Black, Lichen or Moss Green.

## Application

It is recommended to wet the substrate before applying the **CreteStain**. Apply **CreteStain** with an acid-resistant paintbrush, spray canister, etc. ensuring that adjacent areas are protected from over-spray and spills. Avoid splashes, puddles and dry joints by maintaining a wet edge and applying continuously between architectural features. Different techniques produce different results. Always do a sample panel first. Equipment used should be acid resistant. Vertical applications are to be started at the bottom, commencing upwards whilst avoiding excessive run-down. All reacted residue must be removed by flushing thoroughly with water after a minimum of 4 hours. Subsequent treatments may be necessary to achieve the desired depth of colour or special effects. Newly placed concrete must be cured for at least 14 days prior to application of **CreteStain**.

## Sealing

Once dry, surfaces should be sealed with Colour Hardener Sealer in accordance with its datasheet.

## Coverage

Brush application - approximately 8m<sup>2</sup>/litre/coat, depending on suction and texture of surface. A sample area should be done to confirm colour and coverage.

## Packaging

Available in 125ml, 1 litre and 25 litre non-returnable containers.

### Safety Warning

Contains dilute hydrochloric acid. Treat with caution. Store away from heat and direct sunlight. Safety clothing should be used.