# WHY USE A NATURAL LOOK SEALER?

Natural and manmade stone, concrete and masonry are porous and will start to breakdown, dust, pit, crack and/or stain easily with weather, water, oil, and UV rays. The only way to prevent damage and deterioration is to protect your surfaces with a good quality sealer.

**DRYLOK Natural Look Sealer** is the perfect choice to protect the surface without changing its appearance. It soaks into the surface providing an invisible protective coat which is specially formulated to protect interior and exterior masonry surfaces, including concrete driveways, basement floors, garage floors, concrete sidewalks, patios and terrazzo, brick and slate surfaces.

#### All Concrete Needs to be Sealed

How often you seal concrete depends on how quickly the previous coating or surface is worn away. Vehicle traffic, foot traffic and weather gradually wear away concrete. Driveways usually need to be sealed more often than sidewalks, porches, patios, etc. This is especially true in harsh climates where there are many freeze and thaw cycles and the concrete is exposed to road salt.

If you are unsure whether or not your concrete has a sealer or needs to be resealed, there is a way you can determine the answer.

If water puddles, this indicates your concrete has a sealant applied to it or that the original surface is intact and does not need a sealer at this time. When it rains, check to see whether or not the water beads where it hits the concrete. You can also pour water onto the concrete in different areas to test this. If the water soaks in, the concrete is porous or needs a sealant. You can try this test about every 6 months.



## Unprotected

Concrete deteriorates rapidly, leading to cracking, chipping and pockmarking.



## **Protected**

Protects and seals against the damaging effects of road salt, alkalis, de-icing compounds, gasoline, oil, acids, household cleaners and weather.



**Vertical and Horizontal Brick Surfaces** 



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# NATURAL BEAUTY



natural appearance
Ideal masonry primer
Minimizes concrete
dusting, cracking
and pock marking

Protection with a

Hardens concrete
One coat protection



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## SURFACE PREPARATION

## **Sweep - All Surfaces Thoroughly**



Sweep and/or vacuum all dust and dirt from the surface. Any loose or scaling material must be removed with a wire brush or scraper.

# Clean - Use DRYLOK Concrete Cleaner & Degreaser



All stains or contaminants such as mold, wax, grease, oil, soap or oily film left from sweeping compounds, must be removed using DRYLOK Concrete Cleaner & Degreaser or a heavy duty detergent. For tough stains, apply the Concrete Cleaner & Degreaser a second time, let stand 5-10 minutes, then scrub with a stiff brush or broom and rinse with water.

If using a pressure washer, do not use on a pressure setting above 1750 psi to avoid damaging the concrete. Remember concrete acts like a sponge. Pressure washing and cleaning in general may trap residual moisture in the concrete. To check for trapped moisture, tape a 12" x 12" piece of 3 mil plastic or aluminum foil tightly on all four edges to the surface. Remove it after 24 hours. If the floor side of the plastic or foil is damp allow additional drying and then repeat the test. If you have efflorescence, a white, powdery, crystal-like deposit on the surface of the masonry, you must remove it with DRYLOK Etch (powder or liquid formula) or muriatic acid according to the manufacturer's directions. Once there is no sign of efflorescence rinse the surface thoroughly with clean water and allow to dry for 24 hours.

**NOTE:** It is important to rinse etching solutions thoroughly from the surface if not; it will effect the curing of the finish coat and will result in the finish appearing milky when dry.

## Patch - Use DRYLOK Concrete Patch



Patch all holes and cracks with DRYLOK Concrete Patch or suitable cement based patching compound. Be sure to smooth the patch evenly. Allow the patched area to dry thoroughly. If you have created any dust or dirt during this process, sweep and clean accordingly.

# **APPLICATION**



DRYLOK Natural Look Sealer can be applied by brush, roller, spray or squeegee. Air and surface temperature should be above 50° F. It will appear milky in the can but dries clear on the surface. Keep in mind this sealer is formulated to penetrate the surface and should not be used to build-up a surface film.

Apply by brush



DRYLOK Natural Look Sealer is a one coat application and should be applied in thin even strokes. Take care not to allow product to puddle or a heavy film to occur. If a sheen is desired, it is recommended you use DRYLOK WetLook High Gloss Sealer. Neither product is formulated for asphalt surfaces.

Apply by roller or spray

# THINNING

Due to their density, if you are sealing flagstone, slate, terrazzo or sense smooth concrete, it is recommended you thin **DRYLOK Natural Sealer** with equal parts of clean, lukewarm water for better penetration. Also, thinning will minimize color variations in light colored concrete due to different levels of porosities.

# **DRYING TIME**

Allow **DRYLOK Natural Look Sealer** to dry 6 hours before subjecting to light foot traffic and 24 hours before subjecting to heavy foot traffic.

## **CLEAN UP**

Clean brushes and applicator tools with soap and water.

## COVERAGE

Depending upon surface porosity one gallon will cover up to 400 sq. ft.

## ADDITIONAL USES

### **Ideal Concrete Hardener**

When applied to freshly poured concrete, after the surface has set and excess water has been removed, **DRYLOK Natural Look Sealer** will control water evaporation resulting in maximum concrete hardness.

## **Solidifies Powdery Masonry**

**DRYLOK Natural Look Sealer** solidified powdery masonry surfaces, chalking masonry paint, porous asbestos siding, sand blasted masonry and powdery mortar, for painting or top coating.

### **Federal Specifications**

Meets A.S.T.M. Specification C-309.



