

# SEALING CONCRETE

### **PRODUCTS YOU'LL NEED**



Concrete Sealer Available in 20L containers. This is a DG product.





**Concrete Sealer Thinner** 

Available in 5L containers. This is a DG product.





# Hydrochloric Acid

Available in 5L and 20L containers This is a DG product.



# APPLICATION

- ✓ Ensure PPE gear is worn rubber boots, safety goggles, and mask
- ✓ Thoroughly saturate the concrete surface being treated with water.
- ✓ Apply diluted Hydrochloric Acid, using a watering can, and have a 2nd person brooming with a circular motion whilst it is reacting with the surface, ensuring no areas are missed.
- ✓ Flush surface well before surface dries.
- ✓ Ensure you have a clean, dry surface before applying concrete sealer.
- ✓ Apply sealer using a brush and roller. Two coats gives best protection
- ✓ Clean up with Concrete Sealer Thinners.



To download the SDS & Data Sheets for these products please visit www.stratacote.co.nz/sds-and-data-sheets/

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# ACID WASHING

### PRODUCTS YOU'LL NEED

#### **Shopping List**

- ✓ Stiff Bristle Broom
- ✓ Rubber Boots
- ✓ Goggles
- ✓ Mask



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# HOW TO ACID WASH

Acid should never be applied without being diluted with water first. See below for Acid/Water ratio. All concrete to be acid washed must be free of any previous sealer or paint treatments, oil, grass, overhanging plants, leaves, soil etc.

Prior to acid washing, the concrete should be thoroughly saturated using a hose or watering can.

Ensure that the acid solution is poured on wet surfaces only. If the concrete dries during the acid washing process, it should be wet again before applying acid to the surface. The acid washing process is better managed with the Involvement of two people. Whilst one person pours the acid solution out of the watering can, the second person brooms the surface in a circular motion to spread the acid whilst it is reacting with the surface. A bubbling/foaming reaction is evidence of the reaction between the acid and the concrete surface and no areas should be missed, ensuring that the reaction is visible over the entire surface. Avoid walking on areas that have been worked already. The acid stops reacting with the surfaces for too long.

On completion of the acid washing and before the reacted acid is allowed to dry, the area should be flushed well with water, ensuring that all the neutralized acid is removed from the surface.

Type of Concrete	Acid to water ratio	Coverage per 1 ltr Acid
Exposed Plain Concrete	1 part Acid to 6 parts Water	10m2
Exposed Coloured Concrete	1 part Acid to 14 parts Water	20m2
Broom or Textured Coloured Concrete	1 part Acid to 12 parts Water	30m2
Hard Trowelled Coloured Concrete	1 part Acid to 10 parts Water	15m2
Concrete Floors after 3+ months	1 part Acid to 12 parts Water	30m2

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# WHY DOES CONCRETE NEED TO BE ACID WASHED?

The acid washing of concrete is a requirement after the concrete has cured sufficiently, in order to remove surface efflorescence and to open the pores before sealing. This will help the sealer to penetrate and result in a superior bond between the sealer and the surface.

Floors that are acid washed before sealing will have greater colour enhancement and will appear darker than floors that have not been acid washed.

Acid washing is a critical process and should be approached with care and carried out in a controlled way. The correct protective clothing and safety gear should be worn whilst acid washing.

#### CONCRETE SHOULD BE 100% DRY BEFORE ACID WASHING.



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