

# EcoBest™ Decorative Concrete Stain Installation Guide



## EcoBest™ Concrete Stain Advantages:

- Penetrating Stain
- Fast One Hour Dry Time
- Stains & Seals in One
- Interior & Exterior Use
- Water & Stain Resistant
- UV Resistant
- Natural Stone Look
- Will not Flake or Peel
- Virtually Odorless
- Bio-Based Ingredients
- Ultra Low VOC <10 g/L
- 2x Coverage Rate

## Typical Uses:

**Patios, Driveways, Garage Floors, Sidewalks, Block Walls, Brick Pavers, Living Spaces, Plaster, Stucco, Decorative Features and more...**



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**PRODUCT USE:** Concrete patios, driveways, sidewalks, living spaces, garage floors, block walls, brick pavers, natural stones, fiber cement, plaster, stucco, and more.

**COVERAGE:** Up to 2x's more than competitive products. 1 gallon covers approximately 400 to 600 sq.ft. depending on surface porosity and application method.

**DRY TIME:** Typically less than 1 hour. **SHEEN LEVEL:** Satin Finish. **CLEAN-UP:** Soap & Water

**SURFACE PREPARATION:** The surface preparation process is the most critical of all steps of the installation project. Remove all finishes, contaminants, and bond breakers that may prohibit penetration or that you do not want showing through the semi-transparent stain. This step may only require a good degreasing with EcoBest™ Concrete Degreaser or similar product. Otherwise, to remove paints, finishes, adhesives, etc. you will need to mechanically or chemically remove these bond breaking barriers. For chemical stripping, use EcoBest™ GEL Stripper or similar followed by a thorough degreasing rinse. Test the surface area by spraying lightly with water. If water beads or puddles, you need to repeat the cleaning or stripping process in the affected areas. Once the area has been thoroughly cleaned and dry, use EcoBest™ Concrete Etching Cleaner or similar to achieve the best long lasting results by increasing penetration and bonding. After application of the etching cleaner, perform a final thorough rinse and cleaning with EcoBest™ Concrete Degreaser and allow to dry thoroughly before beginning the staining process. Mask all areas not intended to be stained. If using a sprayer method, it is advisable to mask with plastic, rosin, or kraft paper up to 3' from the floor to protect from overspray.

**APPLICATION:** (View our installation video at [www.ecobestbrand.com](http://www.ecobestbrand.com)) Apply between 40°F - 100°F and < 85% Relative Humidity for best results. Stir Container Thoroughly Before Each Use. Apply the material on a small test area to confirm if you achieved the required porosity and actual color effects prior to full installation. When ready to begin the staining process, apply the material to the surface using a garden-type pump sprayer, HVLP sprayer, #11-#13 fine tip airless sprayer, Nylfoam applicator, microfiber mop, or stain trim pad. Cut in the edges first by using a 6" trim pad. Always work the stain into the surface in small sections until all lap marks, puddles and topical stain material is completely integrated into the surface. Fan out the wet edge of each section to properly blend the next section application. Remember, this is not an opaque paint film technology and less is always better. You may also use a floor buffer with white pad to work the stain into the surface and to help accelerate the drying time. This mechanical process is an easy method to ensure uniform coverage and removal of lap marks or excess topical residue. When applied properly, the stain should be dry to the touch within 1 hour. Good ventilation and air flow will accelerate the dry time. If you desire a gloss finish, apply our EcoBest™ Gloss Finish Sealer within 2 hours of completion.

**RETURN TO SERVICE:** Our unique fast drying technology will allow use as soon as the material is fully dry and tack free, which is typically within 1 hour. It will exhibit excellent early water resistance once dry, however, full curing and optimum performance properties of the material will continue for 3-5 days. For horizontal applications, use felt pads on furniture legs to help prevent scratching. As with any fine stone or flooring material, avoid dragging heavy furniture and appliances over your decorative floor finish.