

# ACID STAIN

## 250



### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: ACID STAIN 250

#### GENERAL

APF Acid Stain 250 is an acidic coloring system that chemically reacts with concrete and other cementitious substrates to create translucent and variegated color effects. This system is sealed with a high-performance, two-component acrylic urethane, giving it exceptional exterior gloss retention and durability.

The coloration becomes a permanent part of the substrate and cannot crack or peel. Acid Stain gives a unique look that cannot be achieved with conventional polymer and pigment-type stains. The material reacts individually with each substrate depending on its available cement content, age and porosity. Considerable variations in color and tone normally result from the use of Acid Stain 250, and many special color effects can be achieved using different methods of application.

#### MOISTURE VAPOR EMISSION TESTING

All interior concrete floors are subject to possible moisture vapor emission and/or excessive alkalinity that could ultimately cause coating failure. Prior to application, calcium chloride moisture testing should be conducted according to ASTM 1869-04.

#### SURFACE PREPARATION

Concrete surfaces must be clean and free from any contaminants that will prevent the stain from reacting with the concrete. If the concrete has been power troweled it should be diamond ground or etched to a CSP 1-2. Properly prepared concrete will have the texture of 120-150 grit sand paper.

#### APPLICATION OF STAIN

Since the material is corrosive, all adjacent areas must be protected from incidental contact. Protective gloves and eyewear should be worn. The acid stain may be applied "as is" or reduced with up to four parts water depending upon the depth of color and overall desired effect. The most common dilution is 1-1. Use a wide mouth plastic container for stain reduction.

For application to small areas, pour stain into a plastic dishpan and apply with an 8-12 inch bristle brush. Apply the stain liberally, rotating brush with a circular motion and keeping it in contact with the surface. Work the material until the fizzing stops. Do not spread the material to a new area after fizzing has stopped. Apply more material and work back into the area previously completed. Keep a wet edge. Avoid dripping.

For larger areas, a plastic Hudson-type sprayer should be used. Apply the material to the floor to achieve full wetting, just short of puddles. Remember that more volume of liquid left on the surface creates more depth of color. Material may be left alone after spraying for more variegated tones or lightly scrubbed with a stiff bristled broom to even out the material for a more uniform look.

Allow the stain to dry thoroughly. Dry time depends upon conditions, but is usually 2-5 hours. After surface has dried, scrub a small area with a black pad and water to determine the depth of color. If more color is desired, repeat the stain application one or two more times. A point will be reached where no fizzing will occur and no additional color can be deposited. Allow to dry thoroughly.

#### RINSING & NEUTRALIZING

Remove the residue from the floor by scrubbing with water using a stiff bristled broom or floor machine with a soft brush. Remove the water/residue mixture with an acid-resistant wet vacuum. Neutralize the floor by scrubbing with APF Super Base Neutralizer – 8 oz. to 4 gallons of water. Apply with a plastic sprinkling can. Rinse again with water and allow to dry.

#### APPLICATION OF PRIMER

The primer for this system is Polyurethane 250 or Polyurethane 250 VOC. Apply one coat using a 3/8"-1/2" nap roller. Do not pour the material directly onto the concrete. Apply from 5-gallon pail or roller pan. Coverage rate should be 250-350 sq. ft. per gallon depending on the substrate texture. The primer coat may be reduced up to 25% with acetone or xylene. Never use the satin finish material as a primer. Doing so could result in coating turning white. The curing time between coats will be 2-4 hours depending upon conditions.

#### APPLICATION OF FINISH COAT

The topcoat for this system is Polyurethane 250 or Polyurethane 250 VOC. Apply one coat using a 3/8"-1/2" nap roller. Do not pour the material directly onto the concrete. Apply from 5-gallon pail or roller pan. Coverage rate should be 250-350 sq. ft. per gallon depending on the substrate texture. Coverage rate should be 250-350 sq. ft. per gallon depending on the substrate texture. Allow coating to cure for 48 hours prior to returning to foot traffic and seven days for vehicular traffic.