

EverStain™

CONCRETE ACID STAIN



HOW TO GUIDE FOR INDOOR APPLICATION

Concrete must be cured for 30 days before applying EverStain™



STEP 1: ABSORPTION AND COLOR TEST

- Pour water on the concrete surface and check absorption after 5 minutes.
- If the water is not absorbed, etch the surface using CitrusEtch™ and proceed to Step 2A. If etching is not needed, skip to Step 2B.
- Before applying EverStain™, test colors in a small, hidden area because the reaction of EverStain™ causes a permanent change to the surface. It's important to test in a hidden area due to this irreversible color change.

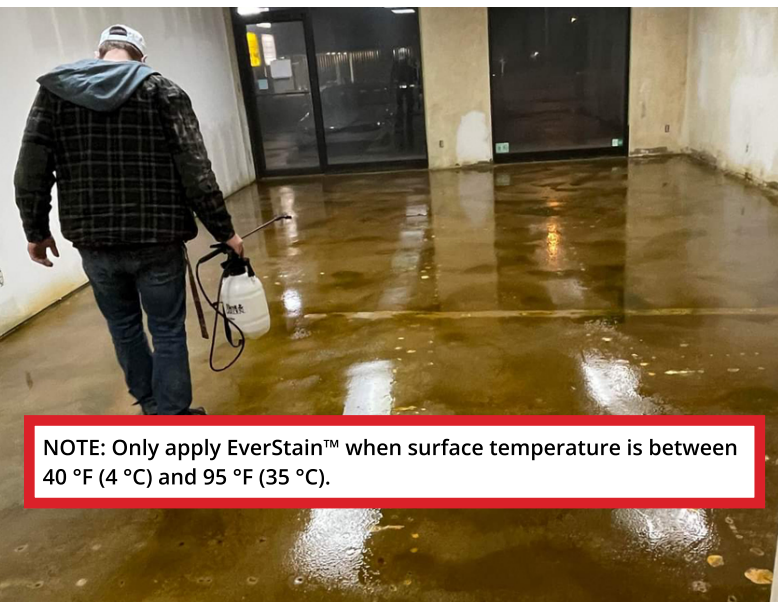
STEP 2A: ETCH SMOOTH CONCRETE SURFACE

- To avoid leaving footprints on the etched surface, wear spiked shoes during the CitrusEtch™ process. Footprints can be very difficult to remove once etched into the concrete.
- Spray CitrusEtch™ on the entire surface and let it soak for 15 minutes. It's important to make sure CitrusEtch™ doesn't dry before rinsing, as cleanup will be much easier if it doesn't dry.
- Apply ProClean Neutralizer™ to the surface and saturate it. This will help neutralize the CitrusEtch™ and make the cleanup process easier.
- Remove any residual liquid with a wet-dry vac or cotton mop, and rinse the surface with water until it is clear of any residue.



STEP 2B: CLEAN SURFACE

- Remove dirt, dust, residues, paint, carpet glue, adhesives, and oils for proper EverStain™ reaction
- Use ProClean Degreaser™, avoid harsh chemicals to prevent surface damage
- Do not use muriatic acid; it affects essential concrete minerals for EverStain™ reaction



NOTE: Only apply EverStain™ when surface temperature is between 40 °F (4 °C) and 95 °F (35 °C).

STEP 3: APPLICATION

- Before applying EverStain™, wear personal protective equipment, including goggles, gloves, mask, long sleeve shirt, and pants.
- Remove filters from the pump-up sprayer before adding EverStain™.
- Wear spiked shoes during application to avoid leaving footprints on the stained surface.
- Start spraying at a far corner to ensure a clear exit path.
- Apply EverStain™ using circular motions and irregular overlaps. It is recommended to apply two coats for best results. Coverage is approximately 200 sq. feet per gallon when two coats are applied, depending on the texture and porosity of the concrete surface

STEP 4: ALLOW EVERSTAIN™ TO REACT

- Let EverStain™ react and develop color on the surface for 4-6 hours (richer colors may take longer).
- As the EverStain™ dries, a chalky residue will form on the surface.
- The color may appear faint at first, but it will become more vibrant after sealing.



- Check the color depth by pouring water on the stained surface.
- The wet stained concrete will mimic the final sealed color outcome.
- If you want a deeper color, apply extra coats of EverStain™ and allow it to react for 4-6 hours.

STEP 5: NEUTRALIZE & REMOVE RESIDUE

- Once the desired color has developed, neutralize EverStain™ using ProClean Neutralizer™ solution.
- Apply a saturating coat on the surface and let it sit for 15 minutes.
- Reapply ProClean Neutralizer™ to the neutralized surface and immediately scrub with a soft nylon bristle brush.
- Rinse the surface with water until it is clear of residue (repeat steps as needed).
- Remove any residual liquid with a wet-dry vac.
- Swipe your fingers across the acid-stained surface to check for any color or residue.
- If no color or residue appears on your fingers, your surface is ready for the next step.





STEP 6: SEAL

Apply two thin coats of AcquaSeal™ Water-Based Acrylic Sealer, waiting 12 hours between each coat application. AcquaSeal™ is the recommended sealer for indoor applications due to its low VOC content that avoids inhaling strong fumes from solvent-based sealers. For more detailed application instructions, see the AcquaSeal™ How-To Guide.

Note: While the color may not "pop" as intensely as with solvent-based sealers, AcquaSeal™ is still a great option. Its water-based formula is low odor and ideal for living spaces or areas with low ventilation.

Alternatively, you may use EasySeal™ Solvent-Based Acrylic Sealer, waiting 12 hours between each coat application. This option is recommended for outdoor applications or for those who prefer a more intense color pop. However, please be aware that solvent-based sealers have a strong chemical odor during application and curing. For more detailed application instructions, see the EasySeal™ How-To Guide.

STEP 7: POLISH & PROTECT FINISH

- Allow the sealer to cure for 24 hours before continuing
- Apply 2 thin coats of ProWax™ Polish, allowing 12 hours to dry between coats
- This will protect your sealed stained concrete floor from daily traffic and avoid the need to reapply the sealer frequently
- For detailed application instructions, see the ProWax™ Polish How-To Guides



MAINTENANCE:

- For interior surfaces, protect the finish every two years with ProWax Polish™
- Spot treat high-traffic areas as needed to maintain the finish
- This will keep your stained concrete floor looking great and help to extend its lifespan