

PORTICO™

PAVER STAIN



PORTICO™ HOW-TO GUIDE

Concrete must be cured for 30 days before applying Portico™



STEP 1: ABSORPTION TEST

- Pour water on concrete.
- Wait 5 minutes.
- If water doesn't soak in, clean and use CitrusEtch™ to etch surface (see CitrusEtch™ How-To Guide for details)
- If concrete absorbs water, it's suitable for Portico™ Paver Stain application after completing Step 2.

STEP 2: CLEAN SURFACE

- Remove all dirt, dust, residues, paint, adhesives, and oils from the surface to ensure proper Portico™ Paver Stain adhesion.
- If stripping is necessary, use a suitable stripping product that is safe for your specific surface.
- In case of heavily stained or soiled areas, consider using a pressure washer to remove stubborn dirt and grime.
- For surfaces with previous sealer applications, it is necessary to strip the old sealer before applying Portico™ Paver Stain.
- Allow the surface to dry completely before Portico™ Paver Stain application.



TOOLS FOR THE JOB

SURFACE PROTECTION

PERSONAL PROTECTION

APPLICATION TOOLS

CLEAN-UP



STEP 3: PORTICO™ STAIN APPLICATION

- Portico™ Paver Stain is a semi-transparent stain specifically designed for porous concrete pavers and intended for outdoor applications.
- Please note that Portico™ Paver Stain will not cover imperfections like paint would.

CAUTION: Portico™ is flammable, harmful if swallowed, or inhaled. Keep away from heat, sparks, and flame. Store and use with adequate ventilation, allowing airflow to disperse vapors. Before applying Portico™, open windows and doors and extinguish all open flames such as gas appliance pilot lights, candles, etc. Do not smoke, use a lighter or matches, or anything that could cause a potential spark.



OPTION 1: SPRAYING METHOD (BEST FOR LARGE PROJECTS)

- Remove pump-up sprayer filters.
- Shake the Portico™ bottle thoroughly before use and pour the stain into the sprayer.
- Spray two thin coats on the surface using circular motions and overlapping patterns. Frequently shake the sprayer side-to-side to keep the color mixed.
- Start at the farthest corner and work your way towards an exit. There is no need to wait for the first coat to dry before applying the second.
- Allow the stain to dry completely for at least 8 hours before proceeding to sealer application.



OPTION 2: FOAM BRUSH OR SPONGE (BEST FOR SMALLER PROJECTS OR MULTI-COLOR PATTERNS)

- Shake the Portico™ bottle well before use.
- For bottles larger than 4 ounces, pour a small amount into a separate container. If using a 4-ounce bottle, dip the foam brush directly into the bottle.
- Submerge and saturate a foam brush or sponge in the Portico™ stain, and apply the stain to the surface using the foam brush or sponge.
- Shake the Portico™ bottle well before pouring more for the next batch or before re-dipping the brush if using the 4-ounce size.
- Allow the stain to dry completely for at least 8 hours.

Note: As the stain dries, colors may appear faint, but they will pop and become more vibrant once sealed. Sealing is crucial! If Portico™ Stain is not sealed, it will get washed off. To ensure long-lasting results, always follow the provided instructions for sealing the stained surface.

STEP 4: SEAL

- Choose a sealer. **Note:** EasySeal™ will make the stain colors deeper than the corresponding AcquaSeal™ finish (satin and gloss).
- Apply two thin coats of the chosen sealer.
- Refer to AcquaSeal™ and EasySeal™ How-To Guides for additional application instructions.



	<p>Coverage per Gallon: Approximately 200 Sq. Ft. 2 Thin Coats Recommended</p>	<p>Approx. Dry Time: 8 Hr. Sealer Application</p>	
	<p>Temperature Range: Apply Between 40°F (4°C) and 95°F (35°C)</p>	<p>Tools Clean-Up: Odorless Mineral Spirits</p>	

AcquaSeal™

- Water-based
- Low odor
- Low VOC
- 12-hour dry time
- Color enhancement

EasySeal™

- Solvent-based
- Strong fumes
- Higher VOC
- 8-hour dry time
- Intense color enhancement



MAINTENANCE

- Exterior surfaces should be resealed every 2-3 years.
- Resealing frequency depends on weather conditions and use.

Disclaimer: Direct Colors does not provide a warranty for the outcomes of using their products. Results may vary due to concrete variations or improper application, so it is recommended to test the product on a small inconspicuous area before full application. This allows for checking the compatibility and ensuring the desired outcome before fully curing the product.