

What is Cover-tex ?

Cover-tex is a cementations coating that has been specially designed and formulated to be applied to the surface of existing Concrete or Pebble Crete. Cover-tex is a strong durable Spray on Paving Product that can simulate up to 35 exciting patterns such as the traditional Cobblestone and Terracotta Tile.

Where can I use Cover-tex?

For best results the existing concrete surface must be of sound or solid condition. Decorative Technologies recommends that if the concrete is of poor condition it should be replaced before applying Cover-tex. Cover-tex has a myriad of end-use such as driveways, terraces, carports, pathways, entranceways, entertainment areas, pools etc. Custom designed logos and motifs can also be created.

Does Decorative Technologies offer any guidelines for training on the application of Cover-tex.

Yes, Decorative Technologies offers up to a six months training program. This includes on-site training and on going technical support. Furthermore, as a guideline Decorative Technologies has available a comprehensive training program manual, containing the mixing procedure through to various methods of surface preparation.

Does Cover-tex have a warranty?

Yes, when applied in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Decorative Technologies offers a 5-year warranty on the product when used in domestic situations. As well as 2-year warranty on the product for commercial use.

How long does Cover-tex last?

Cover-tex has been independently tested by the C.S.I.R.O. The results indicate that if Cover-tex is applied in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, a service life in excess of 15 years may be expected.

How thick is Cover-tex?

If a single base coat and 2 coats of Paver Coat are applied; Cover-tex may build up to approx 5mm over the existing concrete.

What colours do you have?

We have 30 colours, ranging from vibrant and contemporary such as Sandy Beige and Tuscan Yellow, through to more traditional colours like Terracotta and Brick Red.

Why do I need a basecoat?

A basecoat is always recommended in the Cover-tex process. This is to add uniformity and to improve the overall look of the final job.

Can I have a different basecoat colour?

Yes, you can choose a different basecoat for your job. There are 30 colours to choose from.

How often do I need to reseal?

Your Cover-tex surface should be resealed every 18 months to two years with an approved Decorative Technologies Cover-tex sealer.

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What influences the colour of a job

There are a number of factors that can influence the final appearance of colour other than the batch of colour used. Many of these are out of your control and may include:

- Surface texture
- The hue of underlying concrete
- The way concrete cures on the day
- The influence of surrounding areas
- The amount of colour used.

What can I do to minimise colour differences on a new job?

Always use the same batches of raw materials. This applies to colour hardeners, release agents, sealers and other materials. If multiple concrete pours are required always use the same readymix supplier and the same batch formulation whenever possible. Minimising the time between pours can also help.

Use the same finish if possible and if treating any area of pavement (eg acid washing, sealing, resealing, solvent scrubbing etc) treat the entire pavement in the same way.

Try and use a consistent amount of colour hardener across the job and avoid 'patching' areas after it has cured.

What should I do when I need to colour match a new pavement with an old one?

Colour matching can be difficult due to the above factors. You may not notice any difference until the new pavement has cured and by that time it can be difficult to rectify.

A break between the two pavements may help minimise the impact of these differences – a different colour header, a feature or a garden between the slabs.

Can I use coloured sealer to match a job.

It is not recommended that coloured sealer be used to match a job. Coloured sealer is a different type of product and is less influenced by the factors mentioned earlier. So it can often look significantly different to the surrounding pavement.

If you are considering using coloured sealer it is recommended the entire area is treated to help colour consistency. Always remember, unless masked, coloured sealer will also colour the stencil lines.

What if I am using Cover-tex?

If possible, try and apply Cover-tex on the entire area to be resurfaced. If a new slab is going to be poured next to an old one that is going to be resurfaced, the best results are achieved when the new area is allowed to cure (minimum 28 days) and the entire area (old and new) are sprayed together. If that is not possible then the factors influencing Fauxtex may also apply.

What should I do if I have to put a new pavement next to an old one?

If you cannot include a feature or a break or apply the surface on the same day then always discuss the possibilities with your client and make a note in the contract.

Where can I get more information?

If you require further advice or help regarding colour matching or any other aspect relating to Decorative Technologies products, please contact our Technical Services Department on 02 4735 6477 or technical@dectech.com.au.

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cleaning decorative concrete surfaces

Introduction

This technical bulletin sets out procedures for the general cleaning of decorative concrete surfaces.

General maintenance and cleaning are highly recommended to ensure many years of enjoyment from your decorative pavement.

Water Washing

Hosing your pavement with a garden hose is ideal for removing general dust, dirt and grime. For areas which appear not to come clean, lightly scrubbing the pavement with a stiff bristled bush or broom may help in loosening the dirt.

Detergent Water Washing

If washing the pavement as described above does not achieve the desired effect, using a household washing up liquid in warm water is the next step.

Mix a bucket of warm soapy water, and pour on the most affected areas. Again, lightly scrubbing the pavement with a stiff bristled bush or broom may help in loosening the dirt.

Hose the pavement with plenty of fresh water to remove any soapy residues.

Please Note: Detergents which contain bleach or solvents are not suitable for cleaning decorative surfaces as they may adversely affect the sealer coat.

High Pressure Water Cleaning

Use of a commercial high-pressure water blaster is recommended in cases where the pavement has major dirt ingress, or prior to resealing.

Care is required when using high-pressure water blasters, as excessive water pressure may mechanically damage the decorative surface.

Pressures less than 1500 PSI are recommended.

Oil and Grease Stains

These can be difficult to remove because these products penetrate rapidly into the decorative surface. Even sealed pavements only have short lived protections because the chemicals in the oils and grease will break down the sealer.

If an oil spill occurs, stop it spreading by quickly covering it with an absorbent material. Treat the stain with a "degreasing" compound according to the manufacturer's instruction as soon as possible.

Rubber or Tyre Marks

The best method of removing tyre marks and other black stains is with Fauxtex Tyre Mark Remover.

Soak a clean rag with Tyre Mark Remover. DO NOT pour Tyre Mark Remover on the stain. Wipe the black tyre mark working towards the centre of the stain with the soaked rag.

Turn rag regularly and do not attempt to clean an effected area with a previously used rag.

Reseal treated area with Fauxtex Brand Sealer if required.

Please Note: Personal protection such as rubber gloves are required when using Fauxtex Tyre Mark remover and Fauxtex Sealer.

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