

## KEEP YOUR DECORATIVE CONCRETE LOOKING NEW!

### CARE TIPS FOR YOUR DECORATIVE CONCRETE SURFACE

*Thank you for choosing Parchem Construction Supplies products for your concrete solutions.*

Decorative Concrete has distinct advantages over other pavements and given the correct care and maintenance your new or resurfaced concrete will maintain its colour and appeal for future years. Your new or resurfaced decorative concrete is treated with a sealer to help produce an attractive surface that is easier to clean and maintain than unsealed concrete. The sealer works by blocking the pores of the concrete, providing a protective layer that helps stop dirt becoming ingrained and helps achieve a more consistent look. Sealers will wear over time, however, if well maintained you will maximise the lifetime and reduce the frequency of resealing. Under normal conditions resealing may be required every 18-24 months. To ensure the maximum lifetime of your sealer and to keep your decorative surface looking like new, it is recommended that periodic maintenance be carried out. Maintenance can be as simple as removing foreign material and cleaning from time to time.

#### ADVANTAGES OVER OTHER DECORATIVE SURFACES

- High strength surface – up to 40mpa which is up to twice the strength of the concrete underneath
- This strength in turn provides durability and increased wear
- A good level of slip and skid resistance
- Vibrant colours
- Simple maintenance system that homeowners can manage themselves

#### DAILY CARE OF THE PAVEMENT

- Keep clean – remove mud, dirt and gravel to avoid excessive dirt ingress
- Immediately clean and remove oil, grease, petrol and paints
- Do not wash car on pavement as some detergents and waxes affect the sealer

#### WHILST PERFORMING YARD MAINTENANCE

- Place soft pads under table and chair legs to avoid dragging and scratching
- Do not damage edges with the cord of the whipper snipper
- Ensure blades of the lawn mower are high enough to clear the pavement
- Wash off garden/lawn fertilisers

#### AVOID

- Acid, Solvent and Chlorine based cleaners
- Petrol and Methylated spirits will mark the surface
- Excessive leaf and organic litter
- Dragging heavy items may damage the surface
- Rocks in tyres
- Static turning or turning the wheels whilst the car is idling
- Soft compound tyres commonly leave rubber or skid marks on the pavement
- Excessive loads of 3 tonne or over may cause pavement cracking

#### RESEALING OF PAVEMENT

**Under normal residential conditions resealing may be required every 18-24 months.**

Due to the incompatibility of some sealers we recommend the use of Parchem sealers only.

#### WARNING

If unsure about the resealing process, employ a professional. For detailed application instructions refer to the technical data information available at [www.parchem.com.au](http://www.parchem.com.au)

#### CONCRETE CRACKING

Unfortunately, even when control joints are in place and precautions have been taken, your concrete could still crack. These cracks are unrelated to the decorative surface and are due to the nature of the concrete.

Most cracking is non-structural and is best left alone, as repairs are often difficult and unsightly. Structural cracking is wider than 1.5mm, so a good measure is if you can stick a 5 cent piece in the void, your driveway may need further inspection.

**For advice on how to clean other stains & spills, resealing or to obtain details of a qualified contractor, please contact Parchem Construction Supplies on 1300 737 787.**



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