



Tinted Sealers provide a one-step consistent color option for indoor or outdoor concrete. Direct Colors offers both solvent and water-based tinted sealers suitable for any concrete project. Do not add anti-slip grit additive to tinted concrete sealers. If an anti-slip surface is desired for tinted sealer application, add the additive to a clear sealer top coat for both added durability and a non-slip finish.

DCI Concrete Tinted Sealer is not paint. Tinted sealers remain translucent and do not hide imperfections in the concrete. The colors on the DCI Tinted Sealer Color Chart have been achieved on gray concrete. Depending on the existing conditions, tinted sealer colors will appear different from the color chart on previously colored concrete. While a pre-application test is always important, it is highly recommend under these circumstances. For outdoor tinted sealer projects, apply a single coat of clear sealer over the tinted sealer for more uniform wear and greater durability.

Mixing and Application: Tinted Concrete Sealers must be vigorously shaken and thoroughly combined before attempting to apply. For best results, shake to combine in the container, pour the contents into a 5 gallon bucket and mix using a paint paddle and drill motor on low speed. Solvent based sealers can be mixed in their original 5 gallon container.

Water-based sealers are preferred for occupied homes or offices and for all basements applications or any space with low ventilation. Always use caution when applying solvent-based sealers, particularly indoors. Wear a respirator while applying the sealer and make certain the area is well ventilated to the outside during application and curing process.



The method used to apply tinted sealer depends on the type of surface and the variety of sealer used. Two thin coats are recommended for outdoor concrete. Apply 1-2 coats of clear sealer over the tinted sealer for enhanced durability and more uniform wear on outdoor concrete.

Customers with *machine troweled, ground, or smooth hand-troweled floors* should apply sealers in the following manner for best results:

- **Tinted AC 1315 High Gloss and Tinted Sprayable Satin Finish Sealer** are best applied using a pump-up fence and deck sprayer. Spray with the red tip. Any clear coat should also

be sprayed on with the red tip. Attempting to roll a clear coat may cause color lift and streaking.

- **DCI Tinted Water-Based Sealer** should be applied with a de-fuzzed 3/8" nap roller. Keep the roller evenly and consistently loaded with sealer at all times during application to avoid roller marks and streaking.
- **DO NOT apply Water-Based Sealer if the surface temperature is under 60°F with an air temperature difference of 5 degrees or less. Central heating, radiant or convection heaters, or similar heating devices should be turned off during application. In-floor heating should be set at 60-65 degrees before and turned off during the application process. Do not allow to freeze.**

Textured, Stamped or Broom Finished Surfaces: Sealers should be applied with either a pump-up fence sprayer or a short-nap roller (approximately 3/8") or less. For best results with a roller, use the pan grid to purge the roller of all excess sealer and apply with slow, even strokes. Sealer bubbles, should they occur, can be removed with a hair dryer set to cool or a clean leaf blower set to low speed.

Note: All DCI Tinted Concrete Sealer products must be shaken well before and during use to insure even pigment distribution during application.

Generally, the thinner the application, the stronger and more durable the sealer will become. Applying a thick coat will result in an inconsistent finish with tacky areas that may not set-up correctly. Allow solvent-based sealers to dry for *AT LEAST 4-6 hours* between coats. Water-based sealers should be given *up to 24 hours to set-up* between coats. If you live in a humid climate or the weather conditions are damp and overcast, give the surface additional time to dry.

DO NOT walk on wet sealer as it will leave permanent impressions on your surface. Cover your feet with plastic bags to protect your floor's finish during application.

Indoor applications require either a commercial or residential wax to protect your sealer from daily wear and tear. DCI Concrete Wax and Floor Polish products are water-based and should be applied using a mop with a hand wringer or with the applicator of your choice. Commercial wax intended for business use or for homes with indoor dogs and should be buffed after the initial application.

