



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS GT STONE WORKS CONCRETE STAMPING SYSTEM?

**GT STONE WORKS** concrete stamping system is a system that duplicates nature's texture with incredible realism. Stamped concrete is available in a wide array of patterns duplicating granite, slate, stone, and brick with a myriad of standard colors. And, the solid beauty and durability of **GT STONE WORKS** makes it a high performance material for high traffic areas. Its elegant look helps create or bring out any theme or decor. Non-skid patterns and cool to the touch colors make it the perfect surface for residential and commercial areas.

### HOW IS THE PROCESS OF GT STONE WORKS CONCRETE STAMPING SYSTEM?

After pouring the concrete mixture, it is ready to apply the **GT STONE WORKS COLOR HARDENER** followed by the **RELEASE AGENT**. Then the concrete stamping to create texture and/or pattern you have chosen. Once the concrete is cured enough (typically after 10 days) it is required to pressure wash the concrete to bring out the color and texture, then it is time to apply the **SEALER**.

### WHAT ARE THE PRODUCTS OF GT STONE WORKS CONCRETE STAMPING?

**GT STONE WORKS** Concrete Stamping products are Color Hardener, Release Agent, Solvent Sealer and Stamp Concrete Tools.

- **COLOR HARDENER**- ready to use hardener for concrete, it produces a colorful, wear resistant concrete surfaces.
- **RELEASE AGENT** –is a ready to use blend of special chemical powdered and oxide pigments used for achieving a successful release of imprinting tools and texture rollers from the concrete surface. It also creates rich color shading on fine textures of stone, slate wood, etc.
- **SEALER**- renovates seals and dust-proofs, aged pavements, slabs and floors with an easy application. Treated surfaces are cleaner, brighter, newer looking, easier to clean and maintain, and resistant to salt, chemical and water penetration.
- **STAMPED CONCRETE TOOLS** - variety of tools to choose for texturing floors.

### WHAT ARE THE THREE BASIC SELECTIONS CLIENT HAS TO MAKE?

- 1.) Choose the base color (Color Hardener).
- 2.) Choose the highlight color (Release Agent).
- 3.) Choose the stamp tool.

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### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STAMPED CONCRETE?

- 1) **Permanence**- Concrete is one of the most durable materials on earth when properly installed and maintained.
- 2) **Design Flexibility**- Stamped Concrete offers unlimited design options. It can be shaped, imprinted, textured, and colored to achieve almost any look imaginable.
- 3) **Texture**- The coarser texture of stamped concrete surfaces provides greater traction and safety.

### AT WHAT AREAS CAN GT STONE WORKS CONCRETE STAMPING SYSTEM BE APPLIED?

Concrete Stamping can be applied at any areas you like. It can be applied on walkways, parking areas, and even driveways.

### CAN I WALK ON THE STAMPED CONCRETE AFTER IT HAS BEEN POURED AND LOOKS DRY?

You can walk on the concrete 10 days after it has been poured. However, if you have dogs or other pets, they should strictly stay off the concrete after it has been poured. The concrete will be ready for light use within 24 hours and normal use by 48 hours after application of sealer.

### WILL CONCRETE EVER CRACK? WHAT IS THE PREVENTION FROM CRACKING?

There is a solution to minimize cracking. Concrete reinforcement by your contractor can help minimize or stop cracking. The use of 3/8" steel bar, synthetic fiber or wire mesh will help control the cracking.

- For Pedestrian - 2 inch concrete topping.
- For Heavy Traffic (Driveway) - 4 inch concrete topping, 10mm deform bar.
- Cutting Contraction Joints – it is also called the control joints at the proper depth and spacing in the slab soon after placement provides stress relief at the planned locations and prevents uncontrolled random cracking.

### DOES STAMPED CONCRETE FADE?

Cleaning and sealing stamped and colored concrete should be done on a regular basis just like any other home maintenance. The frequency will depend on how high a traffic area to cars, foot traffic, water, and any chemicals the concrete is exposed to.

### \*INSTALLATION SCHEDULE:

Always watch for the weather before installation. Delay the project if rain is possible. Have plastic sheeting on hand to cover your work in case of rain.