CURING & SEALING CONCRETE SOLUTIONS

CURING COMPOUNDS
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FILM-FORMING SEALERS
CURING & SEALING CONCRETE

THE CURING AND SEALING PERFORMANCE YOU DEMAND. THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY YOU EXPECT.

Euclid Chemical offers a full range of curing and sealing products that meet the toughest environmental and performance standards in the marketplace today. All of your concrete and masonry curing, sealing, and protection challenges can be met with Euclid Chemical’s:

- Low VOC products - both solvent based and water based - that comply with clean air regulations in the U.S. and Canada
- Products that can contribute toward the LEED certification of a project, including LEED v4 projects requiring CDPH v1.1/1.2 certified products
- Sealers that are uniquely formulated for enhancing and protecting decorative concrete
- Products guaranteed not to yellow in sunlight
- Products that can be used in USDA and FDA inspected facilities.
- Penetrating sealers that protect concrete from the damaging effects of water and salt
- Liquid densifiers for dustproofing, sealing, and strengthening concrete surfaces

We encourage you to contact us with your questions and concerns.

THE BASICS OF CURING AND SEALING CONCRETE

Curing is the action taken to maintain moisture and temperature conditions in a freshly placed concrete mixture to allow cement hydration to occur at a controlled rate, so that the desirable properties of the concrete may develop to their fullest potential. When concrete is not properly cured, its strength, durability, appearance, and resistance to freeze-thaw damage will suffer.

There are three general methods for curing new concrete:

- **Wet curing** or **water curing** involves keeping a continuous supply of water on the concrete surface, usually via ponding or fogging, for at least seven days. Often, this is not practical for concrete work, as it makes it difficult to impossible for other trades to continue work on the project while the curing is taking place.

- **Moisture-retaining coverings**, such as plastic sheeting, wet burlap, or curing blankets, can be placed over the freshly finished concrete surface. These coverings can be challenging to work and walk on, and can leave stains or marks on the concrete surface if placed and maintained improperly.

- **Liquid membrane-forming curing compounds** and **curing and sealing compounds** are materials that are sprayed and rolled onto freshly finished concrete surfaces, and dry to form hardened films that facilitate proper cement hydration and strength gain in the concrete. Curing and sealing compounds, aside from their ability to retain moisture in fresh concrete, have the added benefit of providing a longer-lasting protective and decorative seal on the surface.

For projects requiring liquid membrane-forming curing compounds or curing and sealing compounds, Euclid Chemical offers a wide variety of products to meet any combination of curing needs.

BENEFITS OF KEEPING CONCRETE SEALED

Keeping concrete sealed will help prevent water from soaking into the concrete, where it can do damage either by freezing or by corroding the reinforcing steel in the slab. A sealer can also act as a sacrificial layer to protect the concrete itself from abrasion and wear due to traffic. Concrete sealers can also enhance the color and impart an attractive shine to concrete, which is especially beneficial on stamped, integrally colored, and stained or dyed surfaces.

Penetrating sealers, based on silane or siloxane technology, are especially useful on concrete subjected to water and salt exposure and freeze-thaw cycling. They have a unique ability to prevent water and salt from soaking into concrete and corroding reinforcing steel. Liquid densifiers are most often used indoors to dustproof concrete floors, make the surface denser, and reduce dusting. Both penetrating sealers and densifiers typically do not change the appearance of treated concrete.

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Curing compounds form a film on the concrete surface

Moisture held within the concrete ensures proper hydration of the cement

The curing film reduces evaporation and increases humidity within the concrete

**CURING PRODUCTS**

All Euclid Chemical curing compounds meet the requirements of ASTM C 309, are easy to apply, and provide a cost-effective method for initial curing of concrete. A proper cure is vital to full development of concrete's strength and durability. White pigmented curing compounds are available to help reflect sunlight and provide a visual inspection of coverage. Euclid Chemical also provides dissipating and removable curing compounds that are excellent choices for curing when a sealer, coating, or covering will be applied to the concrete at a later date.

**CURING AND SEALING PRODUCTS**

Concrete curing and sealing compounds have the added benefits of protecting the surface after the curing process is complete, and enhancing the surface appearance with a glossy shine. All Euclid Chemical products designed for curing and sealing meet the requirements of ASTM C309, and many of the products are higher-solids formulations to also meet the requirements of ASTM C1315. Euclid Chemical's curing and sealing line includes traditional solvent-based products, exempt solvent-based products for VOC-regulated areas, as well as water-based, low-odor products for all application environments.

**LIQUID SEALING PRODUCTS & DENSIFIERS**

There are two general types of concrete and masonry sealers: film-forming and penetrating. Film-forming sealers reduce penetration of water and contaminants by forming a barrier on the concrete surface; they also darkens the concrete and provide varying levels of gloss, giving the substrate a “wet look”.

Penetrating sealers and densifiers soak into the concrete or masonry surface and chemically react in the pores to produce a water and chloride repellent barrier. Penetrating sealers last longer than film-forming sealers, and provide protection without changing the appearance. Liquid densifiers are a type of penetrating sealer that both seal the concrete surface and increase the surface density and toughness.

Euclid Chemical offers three types of concrete and masonry sealers:

- Penetrating **silane and siloxane** sealers, in water based, solvent based, and 100% active formulations
- Film-forming **epoxy** sealers that give an enhanced, glossy appearance and protection against water and some mild chemicals
- **Silicate and silicate** based liquid densifiers that penetrate and chemically react with the concrete to dustproof and improve the durability of the surface
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* Meets the moisture retention requirement of ASTM C309 on hard-troweled, interior concrete

The Euclid Chemical Company serves the global building market as an ISO 9001:2000 supplier of specialty products and support services the for the concrete and masonry construction industry. Marketed under the Baracade, Dural, Euco, Eucon, Speed Crete and Tamms brands, we offer a full line of admixtures, repair and maintenance products based on the latest technologies. We provide complete assistance and laboratory support as well as on-site service for guidance on proper product usage. EUCO materials are warehoused in over 200 locations in the USA and are available worldwide through international affiliates.

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Curing & Sealing Concrete

Troubleshooting Guide

When a film-forming concrete sealer does not perform properly, or the appearance is not what was expected, the cause can usually be traced back to improper product selection or application. Most problems can be avoided by carefully reading the product's technical data sheet before use. For step-by-step application instructions, watch Euclid Chemical's solvent based sealer application video on YouTube or at euclidchemical.com.

NOTE: This information is supplied as a general guide to troubleshooting concrete sealer issues. Each situation is different, and results may vary. Whatever remediation method is chosen should be performed on a small test section before addressing the entire area to determine if the results are acceptable.

Why did the sealer bubble?
Cause: Product was applied too heavily, or in hot weather/direct sun.
Prevention: Carefully follow manufacturer’s recommended coverage rate and apply during the coolest part of the day when concrete is not in direct sun. Two thin coats should be applied rather than one heavy coat.

Why did the sealer turn white?
Cause: Product was applied too heavily or there are too many coats of sealer on the concrete, and moisture trapped underneath the sealer has caused it to lose adhesion from the concrete.
Prevention: Follow manufacturer’s recommended coverage rate; do not re-seal concrete until previous coat(s) have worn away or have been stripped off.

Why is the sealer peeling or flaking off?
Cause: Product was applied too heavily or there are too many coats of sealer on the concrete or concrete was not prepared properly before application. Since concrete cure and seal products last 1 to 3 years, some peeling and flaking should be expected as the product wears away, especially in areas of high traffic or direct sunlight.
Prevention: Follow manufacturer’s recommended coverage rate and preparation methods; do not re-seal concrete until previous coat(s) have worn away.

Why did a water-based sealer turn milky-white or powdery?
Cause: Product was applied in low temperature or high humidity conditions or where air flow is low (basement, closed garage, etc.) OR product was applied too heavily.
Prevention: Follow manufacturer’s recommended coverage rate and application conditions.

Why are oil, leaves, tires, fertilizer, etc. staining the sealer?
Cause: Most concrete sealers will not prevent stains.
Prevention: Prevent oil and other chemical drips from cars and equipment. Sweep tree debris and fertilizer granules from concrete as often as possible.

Why is the concrete dark and blotchy after the sealer was applied?
Cause: Uneven application or wrong product choice.
Prevention: Follow the application methods on the product’s technical data sheet.