



## **INSTALLATION**

The specifications and information herein are provided for the cleaning, rehabilitating and resurfacing of aged, dirty and stained concrete driveways, sidewalks and floors. By following the step-by-step instructions provided, old, wornout concrete surfaces can be transformed into attractive, new-looking durable surfaces.

### **Tools Needed**

- 3500 psi (24 MPa) pressure washer
- 2 - 4 ft<sup>3</sup> (0.06 - 0.11 m<sup>3</sup>) mortar mixer with rubber scrapers in good condition (or 1/2" electrical drill and Jiffy<sup>a</sup> mixer paddle for small jobs)
- Two 5 gal (19 L) buckets for water
- Floor broom (with long handle, sufficient to reach across work area)
- Squeegee (with long handle)
- Round-ended trowels
- Water hose
- Tubs or buckets for carrying materials
- Duct tape
- Builder's paper for covering adjacent areas (plants, walls, concrete not to be resurfaced, etc.)

## **SURFACE PREPARATION**

Old concrete must be rigorously cleaned to ensure proper adhesion of Concrete Resurfacer to the old surface. Follow these easy steps to prepare the surface:

### **Manual Cleaning of Debris from Surface**

- Wash, sweep, scrape, chip or grind the surface to remove loose concrete and foreign materials such as paint, greasy residue, algae, mildew or other materials which may be stuck to the old surface

### **Pressure Washing**

- Clean the surface using a 3500 psi (24 MPa) pressure washer
- Follow pressure washer manufacturer's instructions as to safe operation and effective use
- Hold the wand a few inches from the surface to strip away all foreign and loose materials

Note - QUIKRETE Concrete & Stucco Wash (No. 8601-15) can also be used to aid in removal of mildew, algae or lichen following manufacturer's directions. Penetrated oil or grease stains can be removed by acid washing, detergent washing and bleaching, following manufacturer's instructions. Be sure to rinse thoroughly with water to remove traces of cleaning solutions.

### **Concrete Repairs**

Repairs to damaged concrete must be made before resurfacing can be initiated. This is to return the surface to its original condition.

Repair and level to the surrounding grade all badly damaged areas using one of the concrete repair products made by the QUIKRETE® Companies such as Concrete Mix, Sand Mix, Fast Setting Concrete, etc. Allow repair material to cure thoroughly before applying resurfacer. Spalled and pitted surfaces are repaired with Concrete Resurfacer mixed to a trowelable consistency.

### **Crack Repair**

- Cracks can be widened, cleaned and filled with Concrete Resurfacer mixed to a trowelable consistency
- Existing control joints should be maintained
- Reflective cracking into the new surface cannot be completely prevented, especially if the slab does not contain adequate control joints or if slab settlement occurs

- Old expansion joints must be retained and new material installed to raise the expansion joints to the projected new height

### **Curb & Edge Repairs**

Repair the edges of broken concrete with QUIKRETE® Quick Setting Cement (No. 1240) mixed with QUIKRETE Concrete Acrylic Fortifier (No. 8610) or QUIKRETE FastSet® Repair Mortar (No. 1241).

### **Preparation for Slope & Surface Type**

No forms are needed for toppings less than 1/8" (3.2 mm).

- For thicker toppings, use form boards or other leveling/slope guides. The guides should be sturdily fixed in place, but removable after the job is finished

- Mask off surrounding areas
- Build up to the desired thickness in thin layers

### **Planning the Placement**

- Section off the work into areas no larger than about 100 ft<sup>2</sup> (9.3 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Control joints and expansion joints can usually be used as natural breaking points. It is essential that control joints and expansion joints be maintained. Protect the joints to prevent spillage of the Concrete Resurfacer into these joints. Duct tape or weatherstripping is helpful for protecting joints and surrounding areas

## **MIXING**

Mix in a 5 gal (19 L) bucket with a 1/2" (12 mm) drill and paddle mixer. For a decorative effect, add QUIKRETE<sup>a</sup> Liquid Cement Colors or Stucco and Mortar Color mix to the water following the instructions on the bottle. Use about 5.5 - 7 pt (2.6 - 3.3 L) of water per 40 lb (18.1 kg) bag. Add the powder to the water and mix for about 5 minutes to a lump-free pourable consistency. If mix is too thick, SPARINGLY add water to reach the desired consistency. Larger quantities can be mixed using a Mortar Mixer. Note - For a trowelable topping, reduce water content to about 5 pt (2.4 L) per bag.

### **Working Time**

Concrete Resurfacer has a working time of about 20 minutes at 73° F (23°C). In hotter weather, the working time will be reduced. Use cold water to increase working time.

## **APPLICATION**

Saturate the surface and remove any standing water from low places.

### **Squeegee Application (< 1/8" (3.2 mm))**

- Pour, then spread with a long-handled squeegee, a thin layer of mixed material onto the surface
- Finish off hard-to-reach corners and edges with a wallpaper brush. Make all brush and broom marks in the same directions
- Use the squeegee to scrub the material into the surface with sufficient pressure to work the material into the surface pores of the base concrete. Follow within 5 minutes with a brooming action
- To give a professional appearance, be sure all the broom strokes are in the same direction. Make the brooming action a full stroke across the full distance of the current resurfacer work area without stopping
- If desired, a concrete edger and groover can be used to give a finished look around the edges within 20 minutes of pouring. Keep the leading edge of the edger slightly raised

### **Thick Applications (> 1/8" (3.2 mm))**

- Spray, pump or pour the prepared mix onto the old surface
- Force a thin dash coat of material into the surface using a trowel, broom or squeegee

- Build up to the desired thickness using successive thin layers. Wait until the sheen has disappeared from each coat (typically 15 - 20 minutes) before applying the next coat of Concrete Resurfacer
- To achieve even, consistent patterns, apply the Concrete Resurfacer from side to side, beginning at one end of the area and working toward the other. Work from one expansion or control joint to the next, screeding to a smooth uniform thickness before stopping. Continue in this manner until the entire job has been evenly completed
- If the mix becomes too stiff to use properly one time only, a very small amount of clean water will return it to its original consistency. Smooth with a magnesium darby or float
- Apply a final broom finish or plastic trowel finish immediately. Finishing operation must be completed within 20 minutes in hot weather, over 80°F (26.6°C).

Finishing time will be extended in cool weather Note - Unlike regular concrete, Concrete Resurfacer is finished before it hardens. Edge and groove with conventional tools for a professional finished look. Grooves must be made over old grooves. Expansion joints must be maintained.

#### **Adverse Temperature Conditions**

Cold weather: Do not apply at temperatures below 50°F (10°C). In cool weather, use warm water (approximately 120°F (49°C)) to speed setting time. Hot weather: Special procedures are required when temperatures will exceed 90°F (32°C). When possible, work in shaded areas during cool times of the day. Use cold water to dampen the surface prior to application. Store product in cool area prior to use. Mix with ice water to reduce product temperatures. Moist curing should begin as soon as product is hardened enough to not be damaged by a gentle mist of water. Continue moist curing for 24 to 48 hours prior to use.

#### **CURING**

Under normal conditions, no special curing is required. Wait 6 hours before allowing foot traffic on the surface. Allow 24 hours for vehicle traffic. With cool temperatures, allow longer curing time prior to use. Protect from rain for 4 - 6 hours. Do not cover unless immediate rain protection is necessary. During extreme wind and sun conditions, moist cure with a water fog spray twice daily for 24 - 48 hours after application. For a more stain resistant surface, apply QUIKRETE Concrete Sealer no sooner than 24 hours after placement.

#### **AVAILABILITY**

QUIKRETE® Concrete Resurfacer is available at leading concrete construction supply houses and distributors. Contact QUIKRETE® Construction Products representative for the name of the nearest dealer.

#### **WARRANTY**

The QUIKRETE Companies warrant this product to be of merchantable quality when used or applied in accordance with the instructions herein. The product is not warranted as suitable for any purpose or use other than the general purpose for which it is intended. Liability under this warranty is limited to the replacement of its product (as purchased) found to be defective, or at the shipping companies' option, to refund the purchase price. In the event of a claim under this warranty, notice must be given to The QUIKRETE® Companies in writing. This limited warranty is issued and accepted in lieu of all other express warranties and expressly excludes liability for consequential damages.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

None required.

#### **TECHNICAL SERVICES**

The QUIKRETE® Companies maintain technical field representatives throughout the country. Contact a local distributor for the name and number of the nearest representative, or call QUIKRETE® Construction Products.

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