



# Heavy Duty Concrete Cleaner

*concentrated power cleaner for concrete*

## OVERVIEW

Sure Klean® Heavy Duty Concrete Cleaner is formulated for removal of concrete splashes, excess mortar, retarders, heavy efflorescence, embedded stains, rust and surface soiling from textured concrete surfaces.

This concentrated, general-purpose acidic cleaner improves the color and uniformity of most standard concrete, colored concrete, precast panel and concrete block surfaces. When used in strong solutions, Heavy Duty Concrete Cleaner will etch concrete. It can be used for additional aggregate exposure and is ideal for “weathering” architectural concrete.

## SPECIFICATIONS

For all PROSOCO product specifications visit [www.prosoco.com](http://www.prosoco.com) and click on “SpecBuilder” or “Solution Finder.”

## ADVANTAGES

- Removes heavy efflorescence and embedded stains.
- Designed for use with pressure water rinsing.
- Improves bond of protective coatings/membranes.

## Limitations

- Not for use on polished surfaces.
- Will not correct damage caused by improper cleaning.
- May etch smooth concrete surfaces. Use Sure Klean® Light Duty Concrete Cleaner where no etch is desired.
- For colored concrete block, Sure Klean® Custom Masonry Cleaner may be a more appropriate product.
- Not for use on treated low-E glass; acrylic and polycarbonate sheet glazing; and glazing with surface-applied reflective, metallic or other synthetic coatings and films.

## REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

### VOC Compliance

Sure Klean® Heavy Duty Concrete Cleaner is compliant with all national, state and district regulations.

## TYPICAL TECHNICAL DATA

FORM	Clear liquid, slight amber color
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.14
pH	0.18 @ 1:6 dilution
WT/GAL	9.47 lbs
ACTIVE CONTENT	Not applicable
TOTAL SOLIDS	Not applicable
FLASH POINT	Not applicable
VOC CONTENT	Not applicable
FREEZE POINT	<-22°F (<-30°C)
SHELF LIFE	3 years in tightly sealed, unopened container

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## PREPARATION

Protect people, vehicles, property, metal, painted surfaces, plants and other non masonry materials from product, rinse, splash, residue, wind drift and fumes. When working over traffic, clean when traffic is at a minimum. Protect or divert traffic if necessary.

Clean masonry before installing windows, doors, finished flooring, metal fixtures, hardware, light fixtures, roofing materials and other non masonry items. If already installed, protect with polyethylene before application. Sure Klean® Strippable Masking is appropriate for use with

this product to protect windows. All caulking and sealant materials should be in place and thoroughly cured before cleaning.

Protect wall cavities during construction to prevent rainwater saturation and related staining. Let newly constructed surfaces dry and cure thoroughly before cleaning. Excessive moisture may mobilize staining and cause unsatisfactory cleaning results.

Construction soiling and mortar residues on new brick and tile surfaces clean most effectively if the cleaning is done within 14–28 days of installation. Mortar and grout smears left on the surface longer result in a more difficult clean down and may cause undesirable results. Cleaning

high-strength mortar/grout within seven days improves results.

## Surface and Air Temperatures

Do not apply when temperature is below freezing or will be overnight. If freezing conditions exist before application, let the surface thaw.

## Equipment

Apply with a soft-fibered, tampico masonry washing brush or with low-pressure spray equipment fitted with acid-resistant hoses and gaskets. Do not use pressure spray above 50 psi, as this drives the cleaner into the surface, making rinse difficult. May cause stains. Handle in polypropylene buckets only. Acidic materials and fumes attack metal.

## ALWAYS TEST

**ALWAYS TEST** a small area of each surface to confirm suitability and desired results before starting overall application. Test with the same equipment, recommended surface preparation and application procedures planned for general application.

Rinse with enough water and pressure to flush spent cleaner and dissolved soiling from the masonry surface and surface pores without damage. Inadequate rinsing leaves residues which may stain the cleaned surface.

Masonry-washing equipment generating 400–1000 psi with a water flow rate of 6–8 gallons per minute is the best water/pressure combination for rinsing porous masonry. Use a 15–45° fan spray tip. Heated water (150–180°F; 65–82°C) may improve cleaning efficiency. Use adjustable equipment for reducing water flow-rates and rinsing pressure as needed for sensitive surfaces.

Rinsing pressures greater than 1000 psi and fan spray tips smaller than 15° may permanently damage sensitive masonry. Water flow-rates less than 6 gallons per minute may reduce cleaning productivity and contribute to uneven cleaning results.

## Storage and Handling

Store in a cool, dry place with adequate ventilation. Always seal container after dispensing. Do not alter or mix with other chemicals. Published shelf life assumes upright storage of factory-sealed containers in a dry place. Maintain temperature of 45–100°F (7–38°C). Do not double stack pallets. Dispose of unused product and container in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Recommended for these substrates. Always test. Coverage is in sq.ft./m. per gallon of concentrate.			
Substrate	Type	Use?	Coverage
Architectural Concrete Block**	Burnished*	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
	Smooth	yes	
	Split-faced	yes	
	Ribbed	yes	
Concrete*	Brick	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
	Tile	yes	
	Precast Panels	yes	
	Pavers	yes	
	Cast-in-place	yes	
Fired Clay	Brick**	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
	Tile	no	
	Terra Cotta	no	
	Pavers**	yes	
Marble, Travertine, Limestone	Polished	no	Not applicable
	Unpolished	no	Not applicable
Granite	Polished	no	Not applicable
	Unpolished	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
Sandstone	Unpolished	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
Slate	Unpolished	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.

\*Repeated applications may etch surfaces.  
 \*For colored block, Custom Masonry Cleaner may be more appropriate.  
 \*\*Sure Klean® Burnished Custom Masonry Cleaner is a more suitable product.  
 \*\*Sure Klean® 600, 101 Lime Solvent or Vana Trol® may be more suitable.  
 Always test to ensure desired results.  
 Coverage estimates depend on surface texture and porosity.

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## APPLICATION

Before use, read "Preparation" and "Safety Information."

**ALWAYS TEST** each type of surface and each type of stain for suitability, dilution rates and desired results before overall application. Apply according to the following procedures. Let surface dry thoroughly before inspection and approval.

## Dilution

Always pour cold water into empty bucket first, then carefully add product. Never use hot water. Recommended dilutions for use on precast, monolithic and "unit" concrete surfaces:

### Exposed Aggregate

- Removal of retarder, efflorescence, etc.  
1 part concentrate : 6 parts water
- Additional aggregate exposure  
1 part concentrate : 2 parts water

### Form-Finished Concrete

- Rough textured:  
1 part concentrate : 6 parts water
- Standard finish:  
1 part concentrate : 8 parts water

### Concrete Block

- "Weathering" or etching:  
1 part concentrate : 2 parts water
- Removal of excess mortar:  
1 part concentrate : 6 parts water

## Coverage Rates

When calculating the volume of cleaner required for porous, textured surfaces, assume 50 square feet per gallon of prepared cleaner. For dense, smooth surfaces, assume up to 150 square feet per gallon of prepared cleaner. The coverage rate chart assumes an average coverage rate of 100 square feet per gallon of prepared cleaner.

## Application Instructions

Multiple applications may etch sensitive surfaces.

1. Working from the bottom to the top, always prewet surface with fresh water. On vertical surfaces, keep lower areas wet to avoid streaks.
2. Apply directly to surface with recommended masonry brush or low-pressure spray.
3. Let the cleaner stay on the surface 2–3 minutes or until stains are gone. Do not let cleaner dry into the surface. If surface begins to dry, reapply cleaner. Note: Keep people away from the cleaner.
4. Reapply cleaner and scrub or scrape surface using wood blocks or other nonmetallic scraping devices.
5. Working from the bottom to the top, rinse thoroughly with fresh water to remove all residue from the surface. Note: If pressure rinsing equipment is not available, rinse thoroughly with clean water, brushing the surface while rinsing.

## Cleanup

Clean tools and equipment using fresh water.

## BEST PRACTICES

Clean masonry before installing windows, doors, finished flooring, metal fixtures, hardware, light fixtures, roofing materials and other non masonry items.

Protect wall cavities during construction to prevent rainwater saturation and related staining. Let newly constructed surfaces dry and cure thoroughly before cleaning. Excessive moisture may mobilize staining and cause unsatisfactory cleaning results.

Apply with a soft-fibered, tampico masonry washing brush or with low-pressure spray equipment fitted with acid-resistant hoses and gaskets. Do not use pressure spray above 50 psi, as this drives the cleaner into the surface, making rinse difficult.

Rinse with enough water and pressure to flush spent cleaner and dissolved soiling from the masonry surface and surface pores without damage. Inadequate rinsing leaves residues which may stain the cleaned surface.

Never go it alone. For problems or questions, contact your local PROSOCO distributor or field representative. Or call PROSOCO technical Customer Care toll-free at 800-255-4255.

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## **SAFETY INFORMATION**

Sure Klean® Heavy Duty Concrete Cleaner is a concentrated, acidic cleaner. This product may damage a variety of common construction materials and has safety issues common to corrosive materials. Use appropriate safety equipment and job site controls during application and handling. Read the full label and MSDS for precautionary instructions before use.

### **First Aid**

**Ingestion:** Contact a physician immediately.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse for 15 minutes; get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse for 15 minutes; get medical assistance as needed.

**24-Hour Emergency Information:**  
INFOTRAC at 800-535-5053

## **WARRANTY**

The information and recommendations made are based on our own research and the research of others, and are believed to be accurate. However, no guarantee of their accuracy is made because

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