

# SIMPLY REVEAL

## WATER BASED SURFACE REVEALING AGENT FOR USE ON CONCRETE

### USES

Simply Reveal is used for retarding the set of the cement paste on the surface of concrete. This allows the retarded paste to be removed and reveal the aggregate within the mix. Suitable applications include exposing aggregate on horizontal kicker joints for improved adhesion of new concrete, improved drainage and skid resistance, and an attractive, decorative finish.

### ADVANTAGES

- Economical means of exposing aggregate
- Eliminates need for mechanical preparation for new to old bonding.
- Ready to use straight from the drum
- Improved skid resistance over plain concrete
- Water based and user friendly

### DESCRIPTION

Simply Reveal is supplied as a ready to use liquid. The application to the surface of freshly placed concrete produces a retarded surface layer which can be easily removed when the concrete has firmed. The ease of application makes it simple to apply an even coat to the concrete surface.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES	
Specific Gravity	1.02 ± .01
Colour	Light brown

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Allow the concrete to firm after it has been placed and compacted to prevent the application of the Simply Reveal from damaging the concrete surface.

Stir the product before use. Apply an even coating by brush or low pressure spray, directly onto the surface of the concrete, immediately after the concrete has firmed, but before the initial set has taken place.

The depth of reveal can be varied to suit the size of the aggregate in the mix by altering the application rate of the Simply Reveal. To achieve a normal reveal (typically 5 - 6 mm), use at a rate of 5 m<sup>2</sup> per litre (0.2 litres/m<sup>2</sup>).

A greater depth of reveal can be achieved by increasing the application rate to 0.3 litres per m<sup>2</sup>.

To achieve a lesser depth of exposure, Simply Reveal can be diluted with water by up to 50% by volume.

In all cases, site trials should be conducted to determine the best application rate or dilution rate to meet the requirements of the project.

Treated concrete surfaces should be allowed to cure for up to 24 hours before hosing with water and brushing to remove the retarded cement paste.

After exposure the concrete should be cured using a curing compound certified as complying with AS 3799

**NOTE:** Hot and windy conditions will accelerate the set of concrete, thus shortening the available time for the reveal. It is advisable to carry out tests to determine the optimum application rate under site conditions prior to commencing full scale application of this product.

If delays of longer than 24 hours are experienced between the application of the Simply Reveal and the removal of the cement paste, the concrete surface will begin to harden and an even reveal of the aggregate will be difficult to achieve.

### CLEAN UP

Simply Reveal should be washed from tools and equipment immediately after use, using clean water. Residual product left in spray equipment should not be put back into the original container.

### PRECAUTIONS

(a) **Approval Test.** Always conduct a site trial under the actual site conditions prior to commencing full production. This is particularly important for applications in direct sun and/or subject to drying wind.

(b) **Application.** The uniformity of any exposed surface is dependent on the uniform application of the retarder. Over application will result in excessive depth of etch, while insufficient retarder may produce too little exposed aggregate or make exposure more time consuming.

(c) Simply Reveal is a set retarder but does not stop the cement paste from setting with time. Any delays in exposing the aggregate will decrease the depth of etch and increase the difficulty of removing the cement paste.

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## PRECAUTIONS (Cont.)

(d) Proper curing of the surface is essential for maximum strength development.

(e) Hot and/or windy site conditions will accelerate the setting time of the concrete surface and decrease the time from application of the retarder till removal of the cement paste.

(f) Do not pour unused material back into the original container. Keep well sealed and reuse as soon as possible. Fill spray equipment with sufficient product to complete the work at hand, to avoid wastage.

## ESTIMATING

### Packaging

Simply Reveal is supplied in 20 and 200 litre drums.

### Material usage

Simply Reveal is applied at the rate of 5 m<sup>2</sup> per litre for most applications. Determine the appropriate rate using application rates determined from site trials.

## STORAGE

Simply Reveal has a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store in original unopened containers. Storage at elevated temperatures will reduce shelf life.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

This product is classified as non-hazardous under Worksafe guidelines, but should still be handled with due care.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY (cont)

In case of contact with the skin, rinse with plenty of clean water, then cleanse with soap and water.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice.

If swallowed, seek medical attention immediately - do not induce vomiting.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available to users of Aftek products on request to nearest Aftek distributor. Read SDS, data sheet and label carefully before first use of any product.

## Fire

Simply Reveal is non-flammable

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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Adhesives

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Floor Levelling Compounds

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