



# CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

## WATER REPELLENTS, STAINS, & SEALERS

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### Overview

Water repellents, stains, and sealers are formulated to protect porous substrates such as concrete, masonry, stone, brick, and wood from moisture intrusion, staining, efflorescence, damage, and weathering. Depending on the formulation, these materials may penetrate the substrate, form a breathable barrier, or provide a decorative finish while maintaining vapor transmission.

### Initial Cure & Post-Application Care

- Allow the applied product to cure fully in accordance with the applicable Technical Data Sheet prior to exposure to moisture, cleaning, or traffic.
- During the cure period, protect surfaces from rain, condensation, cleaning solutions, and surface abrasion.
- Avoid covering treated surfaces with non-breathable materials until the coating or sealer has reached full cure.

### Routine Cleaning

- Clean surfaces periodically using mild detergents or neutral-pH cleaners diluted with clean water.
- Use soft bristle brushes, mops, or low-pressure water rinsing as appropriate.
- Do not use acidic cleaners, harsh alkalis, solvents, or abrasive cleaning tools, as these can degrade the protective treatment or alter appearance.

### Inspection & Performance Monitoring

- Inspect surfaces annually, or more frequently in high-exposure areas, for signs of reduced water repellency, staining, discoloration, or surface darkening.
- Perform a simple water bead test where applicable; diminished beading may indicate the need for reapplication.
- Address moisture sources, cracks, or substrate movement promptly to prevent water intrusion behind the treated surface.

### Reapplication & Longevity

- Reapplication intervals vary based on substrate porosity, exposure conditions, and traffic.
- Typical maintenance cycles range from 3–10 years but may be shorter in harsh environments.
- Prior to reapplication, clean the surface thoroughly and ensure it is sound, dry, and free of contaminants.
- Recoat following the instructions listed on the products technical data sheet (TDS).

