



CEMENT & CONCRETE PRODUCTS™

# CEMENT COLOR (LIQUID)

PRODUCT No. 1317

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

QUIKRETE® Cement Color (No. 1317) is a liquid additive for adding color to concrete, mortar, sand mix, stucco and other gray cement-based mixes.

## PRODUCT USE

QUIKRETE® Cement Color is added to the water before mixing into dry, gray cement-based mixes. Use QUIKRETE® Cement Color with gray QUIKRETE® cement mixes to add color to a variety of projects, including curbs, driveways, fishponds, floors, patios, sidewalks, steps, and stucco. QUIKRETE® Cement Color is particularly recommended for use with the QUIKRETE® Walk Maker plastic building molds.

**Available in five colors:** Charcoal (No. 1317-00), Brown (No. 1317-01), Buff (No. 1317-02), Red (No. 1317-03), and Terra Cotta (No. 1317-04)

## SIZES

QUIKRETE® Cement Color is packaged in 10 fl oz (295 mL) bottles with a twist-off cap.

## YIELD

Each bottle of QUIKRETE® Cement Color will color up to two 80 lb (36.2 kg) or 60 lb (27.2 kg) bags of QUIKRETE® Concrete, Mortar, or Sand (Topping) Mix. More intense colors can be achieved by using additional QUIKRETE® Cement Color. Do not use more than one bottle per 60 lb (27.2 kg) bag of product.

## TECHNICAL DATA

QUIKRETE® Cement Color complies with ASTM C979, *Standard Specification for Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete*

## MIXING

**WEAR IMPERVIOUS GLOVES**, such as nitrile when handling product. Mix in accordance with the instructions for the product being mixed. Mix the pigment with the mixing water before adding it to the product.

**Note:** Variations in mix water amount, mixing time, curing conditions and finishing will cause color variations.

## CURING

Proper moist curing is critical for colored concrete. Failure to cure the concrete properly may cause the development of an excessive amount of surface carbonation. Surface carbonation will lighten the color of the concrete causing the color to look like it has faded. The proper curing regime will be dictated by the gray cement based product that QUIKRETE® Cement Color is incorporated in to. QUIKRETE® Acrylic Concrete Cure & Seal – Satin Finish (No. 8730-02, -03) sealer provides the easiest and most convenient method of curing. Apply by spray, brush, or roller soon after the final finishing operation when the surface is hard and the surface sheen has disappeared.

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## PRECAUTIONS

- Curing compounds should not be applied if rain or temperatures below 50 °F (10 °C) are expected within 24 hours
- Curing with plastic or burlap can cause patchy discoloration in colored concrete. For colored concrete, wet curing or the use of QUIKRETE® Acrylic Concrete Cure & Seal – Satin Finish (No. 8730-02, -03) is recommended.
- Do not use curing compounds during late fall on surfaces where de-icers will be used to melt ice and snow. Using curing compounds at that time may prevent proper air drying of the concrete, which is necessary to enhance its resistance to damage caused by de-icers.
- Protect concrete from freezing during the first 48 hours. Plastic sheeting and insulation blankets should be used if temperatures are expected to fall below 32 °F (0 °C).

## REMOVAL OF SURFACE CARBONATION

If surface carbonation occurs due to improper curing, the surface carbonation can be removed by treating the concrete with QUIKRETE® Cleaner, Etcher & Degreaser (No. 8675-34). Alternately, a diluted muriatic acid solution can be used. Dilute the muriatic acid 4:1 with water. Apply no more acid than it takes to remove the surface carbonation. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry. To preserve the color, apply a sealer. Preferred sealers are QUIKRETE® Acrylic Concrete Cure & Seal – Satin Finish (No. 8730-02, -03), QUIKRETE® Concrete & Masonry Gloss Sealer (No. 8800-06, -08), or QUIKRETE® Concrete & Masonry Waterproofing Sealer (No. 8800-05, -07). Sealed surfaces, particularly those sealed with QUIKRETE® Concrete & Masonry Gloss Sealer (No. 8800-06, -08) or QUIKRETE® Acrylic Concrete Cure & Seal – Satin Finish (No. 8730-02, -03), may become slippery when wet.

## WARRANTY

**NOTICE:** Obtain the applicable **LIMITED WARRANTY** at [www.quikrete.com/product-warranty](http://www.quikrete.com/product-warranty) or send a written request to The Quikrete Companies, LLC, Five Concourse Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30328, USA. Manufactured by or under the authority of The Quikrete Companies, LLC. © 2021 Quikrete International, Inc.