



# Light Duty Concrete Cleaner

Sure Klean® Light Duty Concrete Cleaner is specially formulated to remove common construction and atmospheric staining from a variety of substrates, including smooth architectural and engineered concrete, custom masonry, concrete brick, manufactured stone and decorative pavers.

This non etching acidic cleaner removes rust, mud, atmospheric dirt, mortar smears and other stains without altering the surface texture. Light Duty Concrete Cleaner adds depth to colors, brightens white matrices and exposed aggregate.

## TYPICAL TECHNICAL DATA

<b>FORM</b>	Clear, colorless liquid Slight odor
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY</b>	1.129
<b>pH</b>	1.14 @ 1:2 dilution 1.28 @ 1:6 dilution
<b>WT/GAL</b>	9.39 lbs
<b>ACTIVE CONTENT</b>	not applicable
<b>TOTAL SOLIDS</b>	not applicable
<b>VOC CONTENT</b>	not applicable
<b>FLASH POINT</b>	not applicable
<b>FREEZE POINT</b>	12° F (-11° C)
<b>SHELF LIFE</b>	3 years in tightly sealed, unopened container

## REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

### VOC Compliance

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

## ADVANTAGES

- Effective on multiple substrates, including manufactured stone and concrete brick.
- Improves color uniformity and enhances appearance.
- Contains no muriatic acid.
- Removes common construction stains and atmospheric dirt.
- Removes efflorescence stains on brick and decorative pavers, new concrete and stone construction, as well as secondary efflorescence on concrete block.
- Removes localized rust and other metallic staining on unpolished limestone, travertine and marble. Always test.
- Safe for most pigmented concrete and colored mortar.
- Supplied in concentrate for easy on-site dilution.
- Water rinsable.

## Limitations

- Acidic contents may damage polished masonry, some non masonry and acid-sensitive surfaces.
- May remove some surface-applied accent colors. Always test to confirm suitability and results before overall application.
- May damage treated low-E glass; acrylic and polycarbonate sheet glazing; and glazing with surface-applied reflective, metallic or other synthetic coatings and films. Always test for adverse effects prior to overall application. If testing is not feasible or indicates adverse effects, such substrates must be protected.

## SAFETY INFORMATION

Always read full label and SDS for precautionary instructions before use. Use appropriate safety equipment and job site controls during application and handling.

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

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### PREPARATION

Clean masonry before installing non-masonry materials such as windows, doors, finished flooring, metal fixtures, hardware, light fixtures, roofing materials, etc. that the cleaner could harm. If cleaning is to be completed after installation of non-masonry materials not intended for treatment or exposure to Light Duty Concrete Cleaner, test all substrates not intended to be treated with Light Duty Concrete Cleaner before full scale application. If testing is not feasible or indicates adverse effects, protect substrates from product splash, residue, wind drift and fumes with Sure Klean® Strippable Masking or polyethylene prior to application.

All caulking and sealant materials should be in place and thoroughly cured before cleaning.

When applying to the exteriors of occupied buildings, make sure all windows, exterior intakes and air conditioning vents are covered and air handling equipment are shut down during application.

Cleaning high-strength mortar/grout on all substrates within seven days improves results.

The presence of excessive moisture in the wall contributes to efflorescence and other staining. Always protect open wall cavities from rain during construction.

When working over traffic, clean when traffic is at a minimum. Protect or divert traffic if necessary.

#### Concrete Brick & Manufactured Stone Surfaces

Remove mortar residues and construction soiling from concrete brick and manufactured stone surfaces within 7–14 days of tooling the mortar joints. Let mortar/grout cure at least 7 days before cleaning.

The accent color found on many types of manufactured stone is sensitive to any cleaning operation. To limit the potential for loss of accent color, minimize the accumulation of excess mortar on the face of the manufactured stone. Avoid bonding agents whenever practical as they make excess mortar more difficult to remove without loss of applied accent colors. Clean carefully as you go, using fresh water and a soft brush.

#### New Brick & Tile Surfaces

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.

#### Surface and Air Temperatures

For best results, clean when air and masonry surface temperatures are 40° F (4° C) or above. 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-fiber, tampico masonry washing brush or with low-pressure (50 psi max) spray equipment fitted with acid-resistant hoses and gaskets. Do not use pressure spray above 50 psi. This drives the cleaner into the surface, making rinse difficult and may cause stains. Do not atomize.

**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	300–400 sq.ft. 28–37 sq.m.	
	Smooth	yes		
	Split-faced	yes		
	Ribbed	yes		
Concrete	Brick	yes	300–600 sq.ft. 28–56 sq.m.	
	Tile	yes		
	Precast Panels	yes		
	Pavers	yes		
Cast-in-place		yes		
	Fired Clay	Brick♦	yes	300–400 sq.ft. 28–37 sq.m.
		Tile	no	
		Terra Cotta (unglazed)	no	
Pavers♦		yes		
Marble, Travertine, Limestone	Polished	no	N/A	
	Unpolished*	yes	300–600 sq.ft. 28–56 sq.m.	
Granite	Polished	yes	300–500 sq.ft. 28–46 sq.m.	
	Unpolished	yes		
Sandstone	Unpolished	yes	300–400 sq.ft. 28–37 sq.m.	
Slate	Unpolished	yes	300–500 sq.ft. 28–46 sq.m.	

♦Sure Klean® 600, 101 Lime Solvent or Vana Trol® may be more suitable.

\*For use in removing localized rust and other metallic staining. ALWAYS TEST for suitable results before overall use, especially on marble surfaces.

**Always test to ensure desired results. Coverage estimates depend on surface texture and porosity.**



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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.

**NOTE:** When cleaning sensitive surfaces such as manufactured stone, if testing shows pressure rinsing can be safely used, 400 psi is sufficient to rinse dissolved soiling and spent cleaner from the surface. Higher psi risks wand marks, eroded mortar joints and loss of surface color and texture.

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.

### APPLICATION

Read “Preparation” and the Safety Data Sheet before use.

**ALWAYS TEST** a small area (minimum 4-ft x 4-ft) of each surface to confirm suitability and desired results before beginning overall application. Test each type of masonry and each type of stain. Test with the same equipment, recommended surface preparation and application procedures planned for general application. Let test area dry 3–7 days before inspection and approval. Make the test panel available for comparison throughout the cleaning project.

### Dilution

Testing will indicate the proper dilution. Dilute Light Duty Concrete Cleaner with 2–6 parts clean water to one part concentrate, based on test results. Always pour cold water into empty bucket first, then carefully add product. Never use hot water.

Handle in high-density polyethylene or polypropylene containers only. No metal. Acidic materials and fumes attack metal.

Recommended dilutions for use on precast, monolithic and “unit” concrete surfaces:

#### **Exposed Aggregate**

- Removal of retarder, efflorescence, etc.  
1 part concentrate to 2 parts water

#### **Form-Finished Concrete**

- Rough-texture: 1 part concentrate to 2 parts water
- Standard finish: 1 part concentrate to 3 parts water

#### **Cast Simulated Stone/Manufactured Stone**

1 part concentrate to 3 parts water

#### **Concrete Block, Slump Brick, Concrete Brick**

1 part concentrate to 3 parts water

#### **Architectural Smooth-Finished Concrete**

1 part concentrate to 6 parts water

### Typical Coverage Rates

Reference the Substrate Chart in this document. The coverage rate chart assumes an average coverage rate of 100 square feet per gallon of prepared cleaner.

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.

### Application Instructions

Multiple applications may etch acid-sensitive surfaces.

1. Working from the bottom to the top, always prewet surface with fresh water. When cleaning vertical surfaces, keep lower areas wet to avoid streaks.
2. Apply cleaner directly to surface with recommended masonry brush or low-pressure spray.
3. Let cleaner stay on the surface for 3–5 minutes or until stains are gone. Do not let cleaner dry on the surface, staining may result. If drying occurs, lightly wet treated surfaces with fresh

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water and reapply in a gentle scrubbing manner. If treated surfaces are left unattended, keep people away from the cleaner.

4. Reapply cleaner and rinse thoroughly with fresh water, working from the bottom to the top, to get all residues off the surface. If pressure rinsing equipment is not available, brush the surface while rinsing with clean water.

**NOTE:** Use only enough water to remove the spent cleaner and dissolved soiling from the surface. For manufactured stone, if tests show that pressure rinsing equipment can be used without removing color, do not exceed 400 psi.

### Cleanup

Clean tools and equipment using fresh water.

### WARRANTY

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