



Acid Staining

1. All colors can be affected by several factors including but not limited to: Concrete mix design, weather, finish of concrete, chemicals used in concrete placing and finishing, chemicals used by other trades that are spilt on concrete, age of concrete.
 - 1a: Even though a slab is poured as one continuous pour, any slab requiring more than one truck load of ready mix concrete is subject to have slight color differences due to mix design.
 - 1b: Many chemicals used in concrete can cause a slab to reject acid stain, Calcium Chloride, Curing agents, and Sealers are the most used that effect staining. Avoid using these at all cost.
2. Curb Appeal recommends using a minimum ready mix design of: 5 sack concrete mix with limestone, no calcium chloride, and no curing agents or sealers. Any non-chloride accelerator is acceptable.
 - 2a: The higher the cement content in ready mix the better the concrete accepts stain.
3. Framers need to use either WHITE or BLUE chalk when marking the slab. RED chalk is more permanent and cannot be removed completely. Do not mark on the slab with paint, markers, or grease pencils.
4. Buckets, boards, or anything else that can keep moisture trapped in the slab for prolonged periods of time can affect Acid staining. A bucket set on a concrete floor will leave a ring that will be seen through the stain. Boards and plastic will generally cause dark areas in the concrete that show up after staining.
5. Damage to a slab during construction is easily prevented. However any major chips or dents will need to be patched prior to staining. These patches will possibly stain different than the slab or they may not stain at all.
6. Curb Appeal recommends that all floors to be stained be covered with paper or a breathable material prior to staining to avoid as much damage as possible. Also we recommend covering the floor after staining until time for final clean up.
7. Curb Appeal prefers to stain new construction homes right after sheetrock is hung but, before tape and bed. This is because Acid Stain is a liquid product and no matter how much shielding or tape is used it will weep up painted walls and mortar. The stain will discolor any paint and mortar that it comes in contact with. If we stain after paint or mortar work is done, you the customer will need to have the paint touched up at your expense.
8. Floors should be free of debris and kept as clean as possible prior to staining. We will charge an extra clean-up fee if we must remove sheetrock scraps, trash, or if we have to remove a considerable amount of paint or wood from the areas to be stained. Never use chemicals to clean the slab without authorization of Curb Appeal.
9. Colors need to be determined at least (7) seven days prior to starting your project. Curb Appeal

must have any changes in the contract (7) days in advance of the start of your project. The builder, the homeowner, and Curb Appeal must sign any changes. Once the colors are determined they will be written on the contract and initialed by all of the above mentioned.

10. Acid Staining is a process; colors will look dull or even nonexistent until we are completely finished with the seal processes required. We will inform you of any obstacles that are encountered and we will get approval of the color or colors prior to sealer being applied. However, remember that stain color is affected by several factors as mentioned in no.1 above.

Part of the process is called Neutralizing; this requires a water-based agent to be used to stop the reaction of the stain. It requires a liberal amount of water to be put on the floor, which is vacuumed up. Whatever remains usually dries within a few hours. If this process is skipped we cannot guarantee our product nor can we properly finish the floor.

11. Once a floor is stained there is no reversing the process. Colors picked out and written on the contract are final (unless changes were made in accordance with no. 9 above). Stain cannot be lightened or removed only covered up at an additional fee.

12. Curb Appeal requires having new construction homes for a minimum of (1) one week after sheetrock to complete our staining process, we will do our best to be done sooner without sacrificing the quality of our work however all work process forecasts should be based on a full seven days unless otherwise agreed in advance.

13. Many floors are score cut prior to staining, we will chalk out the design for you and get approval from you. As with staining, scoring is irreversible.

14. Curb Appeal is not responsible for the action of persons other than employees of Curb Appeal. We take every precaution to prevent damage to your project while we are present. Once we leave we cannot prevent damages from occurring. Damage caused by persons outside of Curb Appeal and are subject to repair (if possible) are billed as extra charges and are not under our liability.

15. After final clean up we will apply a final finish on new construction. This should remove any scratches the finish received during construction. This process will most likely not remove impact damage, as care should be taken to minimize this. We will discuss options for this type of damage and try to minimize their appearance but no guarantees are expressed or implied.

Any extra clean up will be reflected on final invoice. Examples: any over spray from paint or wood stains that require removing sealer and recoating are subject to extra charges at this time.

16. As with any flooring, Acid Stained floors are not indestructible. They are more durable, with proper maintenance. It is recommended that you treat your new floor just as you would treat a hard wood floor. Also, to keep that glossy look, your floor should be cleaned with warm water and mild detergent and be resealed (floor finish) at least once a year.

Curb Appeal would like to Thank You for the opportunity you have given us to bid your project and for taking the time to go over the process with us.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the above material on Acid Staining.

X _____ Date: _____
Customer's signature

