



Acid Stain & Sealers

Caring for your stained concrete.

WHAT YOU HAVE

Acid stain is a chemical reaction, not a coating. EZ Chem Earthtone stain reacts with the minerals in your slab and the color ends up inside the concrete. That is why it cannot peel or flake — and why no two slabs come out the same. The sealer on top is the part that wears.

THE FIRST FEW WEEKS

IMPORTANT: Your crew leader gives you the real dates for your job before we leave. Concrete gains strength on its own schedule — the mix, the weather and the slab all move it — so do not go by a number you read somewhere. Walking or parking on it early is the fastest way to damage work you have already paid for.

EVERYDAY CARE

- Dust-mop or sweep, then rinse. Mild soap and water is plenty.
- Use a neutral-pH cleaner if you need more than water. Nothing acidic, nothing with bleach.
- Blot spills rather than scrubbing them.
- Felt pads under furniture feet.

THINGS THAT DAMAGE STAINED CONCRETE

- **Vinegar, citrus and acidic cleaners.** Acid stain was made by acid — more acid keeps reacting and will bleach patches.
- **Bleach and ammonia.**
- **Close-range pressure washing,** which strips the sealer and leaves the bare color exposed.
- **Standing water from sprinkler overspray,** which leaves mineral rings on the sealer.

YOUR SEALER

What we used	EZ Chem solvent-based acrylic, 25–30% solids, with a non-slip additive where the slab gets walked on wet. Solids is what stays behind once the solvent flashes off, so a higher-solids sealer leaves a thicker, longer-lasting film.
Why it matters here	On a stained slab the sealer is doing two jobs: protecting the surface and keeping the color looking deep and wet. A slab that has gone dull and pale usually does not need re-staining — it needs resealing.
Resealing	Every two to three years on the Coastal Bend, sooner in full sun or salt air.
Who does it	We do — call us.



NORMAL, AND NOT A DEFECT

- Mottling and color movement across the slab. That is the reaction, and it is the reason people choose acid stain over paint.
- Color that looks different in the shade than in full sun, and different again when wet.
- Hairline cracking. Concrete shrinks as it cures and moves with the ground under it. We control WHERE it moves with steel, thickness and cut joints, but we cannot stop it moving. Hairline cracks are normal and are not a defect.
- Efflorescence. A white, chalky bloom that can appear early on, while the slab is still drying out and moisture carries salts to the surface. It is normal, it is not mold, and it usually weathers off. Call us if it bothers you and we will treat it.

WARRANTY

Keen warrants our workmanship for one year. Cracking, color variation and efflorescence are inherent to concrete and are excluded — that is written plainly in your agreement rather than hidden in it.

Questions about your slab? Call or text us at 361-420-7726. We would far rather answer a question now than fix something later, and there is no charge for asking.