



Patios, Driveways & Sidewalks

Caring for your new flatwork.

BEFORE YOU DRIVE ON IT

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. Foot traffic comes back first; vehicles wait considerably longer than most people expect.

EVERYDAY CARE

- Rinse and sweep.
- Clean up oil, transmission fluid and gasoline drips promptly — those are what age a driveway fastest.
- Keep sprinkler heads from soaking the same patch of concrete daily.
- Do not let mulch, soil or leaves bank up against the edge of the slab and stay wet.

THINGS THAT DAMAGE FLATWORK

- **Turning the steering wheel while stopped** on a fresh driveway. Power steering against a stationary tire scuffs and can tear a young surface.
- **Metal shovels** scraped across the surface.
- **Fertilizer** left on the concrete — it stains and some formulations etch.
- **Heavy point loads** such as trailer jacks or jack stands without a spreader board.

IF YOUR SLAB IS SEALED

What we used	Where your flatwork was sealed: 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.
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Resealing	Every two to three years on the coast. Plain broom-finished concrete may not be sealed at all — your crew leader will have told you which you have.
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Who does it	We do — call us.
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NORMAL, AND NOT A DEFECT

- **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.
- **Color variation.** Every batch, every trowel pass and every hour of sun changes the shade slightly. Variation is what makes it read as stone rather than as a factory tile.
- **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.