



# Custom Masonry Cleaner

Sure Klean® Custom Masonry Cleaner removes concrete splashes, excess mortar, mud, retarders, heavy efflorescence, embedded stains, rust and surface soiling from textured custom masonry surfaces. This concentrated, general-purpose acidic cleaner improves the color and uniformity of most custom masonry and colored concrete. When used in strong solutions, Custom Masonry Cleaner can be used for additional aggregate exposure (“weathering”).

## ADVANTAGES

- Improves color brightness, depth and uniformity.
- Removes mortar smears, lime run, heavy efflorescence, and embedded stains.
- Designed for colored concrete.
- Designed for use with pressure water rinsing.
- Improves bond of color coatings.
- Improves penetration of protective treatments.

## Limitations

- Not for use on polished or burnished surfaces.
- Will not correct damage caused by improper cleaning.
- May etch smooth concrete surfaces. Use Sure Klean® Light Duty Concrete Cleaner where no etch is desired.
- Undesirable surface etching may occur on precast concrete panels when cleaning at concentrations stronger than 1 part cleaner to 4 parts water.
- Not for use on treated low-E glass; acrylic and polycarbonate sheet glazing; and glazing with surface-applied reflective, metallic or other synthetic coatings and films.

## REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

### VOC Compliance

Sure Klean® Custom Masonry Cleaner is compliant with all national, state and district VOC regulations.

## TYPICAL TECHNICAL DATA

<b>FORM</b>	Clear, slight amber liquid Pungent odor
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY</b>	1.13
<b>pH</b>	0.30 @ 1:6 dilution
<b>WT/GAL</b>	9.41 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>	<-22° F (<-30° C)
<b>SHELF LIFE</b>	3 years in tightly sealed, unopened container

## 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

Before use, test all substrates not intended to be treated with Custom Masonry Cleaner. If testing indicates adverse effects, the substrate must be protected before full scale application. Vapors and liquid can damage a variety of metals and fabrics. Best practices are to protect people, vehicles, property, metal, painted surfaces, plants and other non masonry materials from product, splash, rinse, residue, wind drift and fumes. When working over traffic, clean when traffic is at a minimum. Protect or divert traffic if necessary.

Best practices are to clean masonry before installing windows, doors, finished flooring, metal fixtures, hardware, light fixtures, roofing materials and other non masonry items. If already installed, protect with polyethylene before application. Sure Klean® Strippable Masking is appropriate for use with this product to protect windows.

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

Construction soiling and mortar residues on new masonry surfaces clean most effectively 14–28 days after installation. Mortar and grout smears left on the surface longer result in a more difficult clean down and may cause undesirable results. Cleaning high-strength mortar/grout within seven days improves results.

Protect wall cavities during construction to prevent rainwater saturation and related staining. Let newly constructed surfaces dry and cure thoroughly before cleaning. Excessive moisture may mobilize staining and cause unsatisfactory cleaning results.

### Surface and Air Temperatures

Best air and masonry temperatures for cleaning 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-fibered, tampico masonry washing brush or with low-pressure (50 psi max) spray equipment fitted with acid-resistant hoses and gaskets. Don't use pressure spray above 50 psi. This drives the cleaner into the surface, making rinse difficult. May cause stains.

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. 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.

**Recommended for these substrates. Always test. Coverage is in sq.ft./m. per gallon of concentrate.**

Substrate	Type	Use?	Coverage
Architectural Concrete Block	Burnished*	no	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
	Smooth	yes	
	Split-faced	yes	
	Ribbed	yes	
Concrete	Brick*	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
	Tile	yes	
	Precast Panels*	yes	
	Pavers	yes	
	Cast-in-place*	no	
Fired Clay	Brick♦	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
	Tile	no	
	Terra Cotta (unglazed)	no	
	Pavers♦	yes	
Marble, Travertine, Limestone	Polished	no	N/A
	Unpolished	no	N/A
Granite	Polished	no	N/A
	Unpolished	yes	300–700 sq.ft. 28–65 sq.m.
Sandstone	Unpolished	no	N/A
Slate	Unpolished	no	N/A

\*Sure Klean® Light Duty Concrete Cleaner may be a more suitable product. Always test. See Limitations, page 1.

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

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



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### 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 sealed containers in a dry place. Maintain temperatures 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

Dilute 1 part product with 2 to 6 parts water. Test for proper dilution. Always pour COLD water into empty bucket first, then carefully add product. Never use hot water.

Undesirable surface etching may occur on precast concrete panels when cleaning at concentrations stronger than 1 part cleaner to 4 parts water.

Use polyethylene or polypropylene buckets only. Acidic materials and fumes attack metal.

### Typical Coverage Rates

See Substrate Chart on page 2. 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 sensitive surfaces.

1. Always prewet surface with clean water, working from the bottom to the top. On vertical surfaces, keep lower areas wet to avoid streaks.
2. Apply the prediluted cleaner directly to surface using a masonry brush or low-pressure spray.
3. Let cleaner dwell for 2–3 minutes. Do not let cleaner dry into the surface. If surface begins to dry, reapply cleaner.
4. Reapply cleaner. Scrub or scrape areas of heavy soiling using wood blocks or nonmetallic scrapers.
5. Working from the bottom to the top, rinse thoroughly with fresh water. If pressure rinsing equipment is not available, brush the surface while rinsing.

### Cleanup

Clean tools and equipment using fresh water.

### BEST PRACTICES

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Never go it alone. For problems or questions, contact your local PROSOCO distributor or field representative. Or call PROSOCO technical Customer Care toll-free at 800-255-4255.

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### **WARRANTY**

The information and recommendations made are based on our own research and the research of others, and are believed to be accurate. However, no guarantee of their accuracy is made because we cannot cover every possible application of our products, nor anticipate every variation encountered in masonry surfaces, job conditions and methods used. The purchasers shall make their own tests to determine the suitability of such products for a particular purpose.

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