



Performance Factors

DRYING TIME

The faster Pour-n-Restore® dries the more effective it is. Several factors affect dry time including temperature, humidity, and ventilation. The ideal environment would be well ventilated (outside), low in humidity, and high in temperature (over 70°F). In this ideal environment dry time may only be a few hours. The least ideal environment would be poorly ventilated (enclosed room), high in humidity, and low in temperature (below 60°F). In this environment, it could take several days for Pour-N-Restore® to dry completely.

ACCELERATING DRY TIME

To accelerate dry time, spread Pour-N-Restore® with a ¼" V-notched plastic spreader to leave a thinner coating. This will allow faster evaporation, but may also reduce absorption capacity, thereby necessitating additional applications. Another recommendation is to apply a fan directly to the treated area to maximize ventilation. This will accelerate evaporation considerably. A final recommendation is to simply sweep Pour-N-Restore® off the stained area after 8 hours, even if it is not completely dry. We have found that Pour-N-Restore® is still quite effective in these situations because it has been allowed ample time to remove most of the oil from the concrete.

PRIOR USE OF OTHER CLEANERS

Some cleaning products may remove oil from a stain, but not remove the dirty particles that actually cause the stain. Without the presence of oil, Pour-N-Restore® performance may be hindered because it is designed to lock onto oil molecules to draw out the stain. Therefore, if other cleaning products have been used previously, scrubbing the stain with Pour-N-Restore® may be necessary to break down the particles embedded in the surface.

SEALANTS

Pour-n-Restore® can soak through tiny holes in sealants. In such cases, sealants may trap moisture in the concrete, preventing proper evaporation. In one instance, it took over 4 weeks for the moisture to evaporate completely. However, there are other cases where sealants did not pose a problem. Therefore, we recommend testing an area first if your concrete is sealed.

OLD STAINS

The age of a stain is not really a factor. Rather, it is the amount of oil in the stain that makes a difference. As stated earlier, oil must be present in order for Pour-n-Restore® to effectively remove the stain. A 10-year-old stain that had oil deposited onto it continuously will be much

easier to remove than a 1-year-old stain that never had oil deposited onto it after the initial occurrence. For the record, we have received feedback from customers that used Pour-n-Restore® to effectively remove oil stains that were 1-30 years old.

POST-TREATMENT MOISTURE

Concrete may still appear dark immediately after Pour-n-Restore® is swept up. This is not oil, it is moisture from Pour-n-Restore® still trapped in the pores. Simply provide adequate ventilation and allow the moisture to evaporate. This could take anywhere from 15 minutes to 1 week depending on the environment.

SCRUBBING

We never recommend scrubbing Pour-n-Restore® on the first application because this can actually hinder performance. However, since agitation can help break dirt and other debris loose, scrubbing may improve performance on subsequent applications in cases where oil content is low. Specifically, scrubbing may be helpful when the stain has been treated previously with other cleaning products, or if the stain is several years old and has been weathered, leaving very little oil in the stain. Also, scrubbing may enhance performance when treating thick heavy stains left from wax or tar.