



Densifier

Technical Data Sheet

CODE: Supreme Hard

Colloidal Silica is at the heart of concrete technology. It is a substance that reacts with the chemistry of concrete to produce more cementitious material, which translates into higher performance concrete.

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Supreme Hard Densifier with reactive colloidal silica is a densifier/hardener for concrete, used to improve the performance and appearance of concrete floors. It increases surface hardness, compressive strength, abrasion resistance, and liquid penetration-resistance. It is an integral part of the concrete polishing process, which can yield a glossy, reflective appearance similar to terrazzo or polished natural stone. Supreme Hard densifier reduces dusting, efflorescence and ASR. It is a zero-VOC, non-toxic, safe-to-handle liquid that does not require scrubbing in, removal, or hazardous residue disposal, and does not leave discoloring mineral salt deposits on concrete.

Supreme Hard Densifier is 99.5% pure silica in nano-scale particles, suspended in an ultra-low surface-tension liquid using a proprietary, “green” manufacturing process. It reacts with calcium hydroxide (aka lime) in the concrete matrix to create additional calcium silicate hydrates (CSH), the active binder in cement paste, which becomes a permanent part of the concrete. This new CSH increases the density of the concrete surface. Colloidal silica is unique among densifiers in that it also bonds to silica in concrete, and bonds to itself, enabling it to build up density in a way that silicate densifiers cannot.

Supreme Hard Densifier is used for concrete polishing to harden the surface and to close the pore structure, enabling the concrete to take a better polish and help resist liquid penetration. Supreme Hard Densifiers polish and help resist liquid penetration. Supreme Hard Densifiers unique ability to build up a surface density creates more polishable material. It increases durability of polished concrete surfaces, enhances reflectivity and extends the overall lifecycle of the finished floor. It is compatible with integral color, dyes, and shake-on hardeners, and will protect color appearance by reducing efflorescence. It can be applied on any concrete surface to achieve a more durable finish that resists spills and wear-damage.

Supreme Hard Densifier is a zero-VOC, environmentally responsible product that may help qualify for LEED credits for indoor environmental quality (EQ Credit 4.2: Low-Emitting Materials).

FEATURES & ADVANTAGES

Supreme Hard Densifier can be applied to any new or cured concrete surfaces to increase hardness and abrasion resistance, and prevent dusting.

Supreme Hard Densifier works well with colored concrete. It minimizes efflorescence that can dull color. Unlike some silicate densifiers that can contribute to alkali-silica reaction (ASR),

Supreme Hard Densifier reduces the risk of ASR

Because it bonds to silica in cementitious materials, Supreme Hard Densifier works with low-lime decorative cementitious overlays that do not react well with sodium, lithium, or potassium silicate densifiers.

Unlike silicate densifiers, Supreme Hard Densifier contains no significant proportion of mineral salts that can discolor concrete. It is fast reacting, and does not require scrubbing-in or extensive reaction time. There is nothing to scrub off and no hazardous waste disposal. Supreme Hard Densifier provides multiple advantages and benefits:

- Hardens surface
- Enables concrete to take a polish
- Bonds to silica in concrete and to itself for density build-up
- Makes surface less permeable, increases resistance to liquid penetration, staining
- Increases surface compressive strength
- Increases impact resistance
- Increases abrasion resistance
- Prevents dusting
- Slows surface damage and extends service life of older slabs
- Works with low-lime decorative cementitious overlays
- Does not yellow or whiten concrete
- Safe to handle – lower pH than silicates
- Fast reacting – one hour or less
- No overnight curing
- No scrubbing in
- No residue removal
- No hazardous waste disposal
- Water-based

SUSTAINABILITY

Exposed concrete, such as a polished concrete floor, is an inherently sustainable flooring solution that is durable, and offers a very long service life with only simple maintenance. It lowers materials and energy consumption by eliminating the need for frequently replaced floor-covering materials. In many situations, the concrete itself is already installed, further reducing material consumption. Exposed concrete floors require minimal, low-impact maintenance, thereby lowering maintenance energy-consumption and eliminating harsh chemicals and solvents used to strip and wax floor coverings.

Supreme Hard Densifier has specific sustainability benefits:

- Zero-VOC formula
- Concentrate to lower environmental impacts, shipping and storage costs. (Reduced Carbon Footprint)
- No hazardous waste

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MATERIALS PACKAGING

Supreme Hard Densifier is packaged as a concentrate, minimizing shipping and handling expense.

Packaging Detail:
1 gallon / 3.78 liter container Concentrate
5 gallon / 18.92 liter bucket Concentrate

Supreme Hard Densifier concentrate is intended to dilute with water before use. *(See section: Mixing & Dilution)

COVERAGE RATES

Supreme Hard Densifier will yield different coverage results depend-ing on the porosity of the floor. Test on a small sample area to determine appropriate application rate and technique before applying to entire project area. *(See section: Project Testing)

Use these coverage rates as a starting point to determine necessary application rate:

High Porosity Concrete 250 – 400 sf/gal (6.1 – 9.8 m2/L)
Medium Density Concrete 300 – 500 sf/gal (7.4 – 12.3 m2/L)
Hard Concrete 400 – 600 sf/gal (9.8 – 14.7 m2/L)
High Density Concrete 500 – 700 sf/gal (12.3 – 17.2 m2/L)

The coverage rates are based on a mixed ready-to-use (RTU) gallon of Supreme Hard Densifier. *(See section: Mixing & Dilution)

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING: FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY. BEFORE USING PRODUCT, READ MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS) AND INSTRUCTIONS ON PACKAGING. ALKALINE CONCENTRATE: CONTACT CAN DAMAGE EYES, SKIN AND OTHER BODY TISSUES. HANDLE WITH CARE. EYE AND SKIN IRRITANT. DIGESTIVE TRACT IRRITANT; DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. SPRAY MIST IS RESPIRATORY TRACT IRRITANT. USE ONLY WITH ADEQUATE VENTILATION. Do not breath vapors or spray mist. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. Observe appropriate safety and jobsite controls. Wear appropriate protection including eye protection and chemical-resistant gloves. Ensure fresh airflow during application and until dry. If you experience headaches, dizziness, eye watering, or if air monitoring shows vapor/mist levels above applicable limits, wear a properly fitted P100/organic vapor respirator (NIOSH TC-84A approved), used according to manufacturers directions, during application and drying. SLIP/FALL DANGER: During application of Supreme Hard Densifier and until dry, treated surface will be slippery.

Use extreme care when walking on wet Supreme Hard Densifier.

MIXING & DILUTION

Supreme Hard Densifier is shipped as a concentrate. Before use, it must be diluted with clean potable water in a ratio of 4:1.

1. Before opening Supreme Hard Densifier container, shake to agitate the concentrate.
2. Pour one part Supreme Hard Densifier concentrate into mixing container or directly into sprayer.
3. Add four parts clean potable water to make Supreme Hard Densifier Ready-To-Use (RTU) mixture.
4. Mix for 30 seconds using low-to-medium speed drill and mixing paddle, or shake sprayer for 60 seconds, until mixture is homogeneous and uniform.

We recommend calculating the quantity of material needed for the immediate work at hand, and only making as much Supreme Hard Densifier RTU mixture as needed. Left over RTU mixture can be stored in an airtight container, and needs to be used within 2 months after being mixed from concentrate, or the stated expiration date, which comes first. Manufacturing date can be found within the batch number on the original packaging. Over prolonged periods of time, RTU mixture may settle. Before using RTU mixture, agitate container to mix contents.

*IMPORTANT: The water used to dilute Supreme Hard Densifier concentrate must be clean potable water. Any contaminants in the water could reduce the shelf life of RTU mixture.

EQUIPMENT

Apply using a low-pressure pump sprayer. Automatic low-pressure sprayers can also be used for larger projects.

PRE-APPLICATION

Advanced planning is critical to all successful concrete work, including the use of Supreme Hard Densifier.

Any adjacent areas, surfaces, or objects not intended to be treated with Supreme Hard Densifier should be protected from overspray or drift with plastic sheeting or other proven protective material.

Surface must be clean and structurally sound, and must be clear of membrane that form curing compounds, oils, dust and other surface contaminants that will prevent Supreme Hard Densifier from having full contact with the concrete. Do not use acidic or aggressive detergents when cleaning before or after application of Supreme Hard

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Densifier. Use Supreme Hard Cleaner or other pH neutral cleaner.

Measure area (square feet/m²) that will require Supreme Hard Densifier.

Mix an appropriate quantity of Supreme Hard Densifier for job-size, per instructions in Section: Mixing & Dilution, using estimated coverage rates in Section: Coverage Rates or the coverage chart on page 4.

Check that sprayers and tips are in working order.

Designate trained operator(s) to apply Supreme Hard Densifier throughout project, to ensure consistent application.

PROJECT TESTING

To assure that performance and slip-resistant specifications are met, and that desired appearance is achieved, test a sample area of each slab to be treated, using the proposed treatment methods and techniques, coverage rates, and equipment, with the work performed by the same installation personnel who will do the project. Test section should be large enough to properly represent the overall slab. Specific to Supreme Hard Densifier, check whether coverage rate is appropriate, that concrete accepts the product, and that product is reacting with slab. NOTE: Grinding and polishing operations may significantly alter slip-resistance are achieved, it is necessary to apply the complete treatment, including the protection layer. Supreme Hard Protector and Supreme Hard Protector SPD increase slip resistance.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Supreme Hard Densifier can be applied to new or existing concrete. Application may vary depending on the type of project and other jobsite specifics. The information provided is best practice guidelines for Supreme Hard Densifier. Every project will present variables that may require adjustment of application procedures during the job. These guidelines are based on terminology used within the concrete and flooring industry sector.

General Application Instructions

1. Agitate Supreme Hard Densifier RTU mixture before pouring into sprayer.
2. Pour Supreme Hard Densifier RTU mixture into sprayer. Keep sprayer pressure at optimized level, allowing even distribution when applying to concrete surface.
3. Spray apply Supreme Hard Densifier, holding spray tip 12-24 inches above surface and moving in a circular motion to achieve even

distribution. Spray enough to form an even sheen and ensure complete saturation of surface.

4. Apply Supreme Hard Densifier until the surface is at the point of saturation.

5. Keep the surface wet for 10 to 15 minutes, applying additional Supreme Hard Densifier only as needed. Areas of higher porosity will require more Supreme Hard Densifier.

6. Allow surface to dry completely before further operations commence.

Diamond Grinding / Polishing

As part of concrete polishing, Supreme Hard Densifier is typically applied after the initial diamond cutting stages or surface stock removal is completed, and prior to the higher levels of diamond polishing. In most instances, it is used after 200-grit to 400-grit steps. See coverage chart for application stages on page 4.

New (Green) Concrete

Supreme Hard Densifier can be applied within 1 to 3 days after the concrete placement, when the peak of hydration and outgassing has slowed enough to allow sufficient penetration. Application at this stage dramatically increases abrasion resistance, will help to prevent dusting and ASR, and will improve overall surface performance. Slab must be clean and free of all contaminants such as curing compounds, bond breakers, release oils, dust and debris, etc. Apply per instructions in 011-A General Application Instructions steps 1-4. Allow to dry. No cleaning, flooding, neutralizing, or rinsing is necessary.

NEXT STEPS

Polishing or other treatments can begin when Supreme Hard Densifier has dried. Concrete intended to be left exposed should be protected with Supreme Hard Protector or Supreme Hard SPD Protector, or other appropriate protection to the finish installed, as the final step of treatment. Exposed concrete should be cleaned with Supreme Hard Cleanser or other pH neutral cleaners. Avoid acidic cleaners and detergents containing hydroxides or sulfates as these may etch or dull the surface.

LIMITATIONS & IMPORTANT NOTES

Supreme Hard Densifier densifies and hardens concrete surfaces, but should not be confused with concrete sealers; it will not seal or prevent staining.

Floors treated with Supreme Hard Densifier should not be cleaned

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with citric or abrasive cleaning fluids. Medium to long-term exposure to aggressive cleaning products will cause damage. Supreme Hard Cleaner or other pH neutral cleaners should be used for continuous maintenance of concrete that has been treated with Supreme Hard Densifier.

During application of Supreme Hard Densifier and until dry, treated surface will be slippery. Use extreme care when walking on wet Supreme Hard Densifier.

Jobsite samples are strongly recommended prior to application of all Supreme Hard products.

SUPREME HARD DENSIFIER USED WITH

- Supreme Hard Protector (Color enhancer & stain reducer)
- Supreme Hard Cleaner (Colloidal silica cleaning agent)
- Supreme Colors (Penetrating colorant concentrate)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- Appearance milky white liquid
- Drying Time 20 minutes to 1 hour
- VOC Content 0 g/l (VOC-free)
- Active Ingredients 100% of total solid
- pH Approx. 9.5
- Freeze point 32 degrees F / 0 degrees C
- Shelf Life 24 months

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

Supreme Hard Densifier should be kept in the original container when possible, with the lid fastened tightly. Supreme Hard Densifier concentrate has an optimized shelf life of 24 months from the date of manufacture. This date is available on the batch reference number on the original container.

The chart offers generalized guidelines of application rates and recommended diamond-grit stages for application of Supreme Hard Densifier, according to the condition of the slab. High porosity or heavily damages concrete could require multiple applications of Supreme Hard Densifier.

Storage of RTU mixture: see Section: Mixing & Dilution

Keep in a cool, dry place raised off the floor. Keep in temperature range of 40-38 C

*Important: **Do Not Allow To Freeze**

FIRST AID

- Ingestion:** Not expected to be toxic. Never give an unconscious person anything to ingest. If swallowed, immediately give two glasses of water, *DO NOT INDUCE VOMITTING*. Seek medical attention if it effects develop.
- Inhalation:** May cause irritation. Remove to fresh air and provided oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.
- Eye Contact:** Flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if irritation persists.
- Skin Contact:** May cause irritation. Wash affected area with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing and shoes. Seek medial attention if irritation persists.

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Concrete Condition	Diamond Stage/Stages			Possible Applications	Coverage Per Application
Ultra Soft Condition Concrete	50-80 Grit	80-100 Grit	100-200 Grit	3 Coat Application	250 - 400 ft per Gallon
Soft Condition Concrete	80-100 Grit		120-200 Grit	2 Coat application	250 - 400 ft per Gallon
Normal Condition Concrete	80-200 Grit			1 Application	300 - 500 ft per Gallon
Hard Condition Concrete	80-200 Grit			1 Application	400 - 600 ft per Gallon
High Density Concrete	100-400 Grit			1 Application	500 - 700 ft per Gallon