



# VUBA STONE

## CARE & CLEANING



### IMMEDIATE AFTERCARE

#### CURING TIME

Do not walk on your new Vuba Stone surface for 24-48 hours, and do not drive on it for 48-72 hours. These times are temperature dependent - we definitely recommend talking to your installers for more exact timings!

#### FOOTPRINTS

Ensure pesky people/animals cannot walk on the Vuba Stone surface. Footprints cannot be removed! We always place tape around the perimeter of a Vuba job site afterwards to prevent footprints.

#### MOISTURE AND LEAKAGE

Ensure there are no leaks or drips on the curing Vuba Stone. Excess moisture will significantly weaken and discolor Vuba Stone surfaces during the curing period. Continuous drips or leaks cause erosion in the long term, and will degrade the surface.

**Got more questions? (208) 861 - 7833**

# ESSENTIALS TO REMEMBER

## STATIC WHEEL/SMALL TURNING CIRCLES

Pressure exerted from static turning can dislodge surface aggregates. Once the matrix has broken, the surface will weaken and break away. It is VERY important that vehicle wheels are not turned when sitting still or slow moving, and small turning circles should be avoided.

## IMPACT DAMAGE/HIGH POINT LOADS

Take care not to drop heavy equipment on the driveway, such as the placement of garbage cans. Car jacks can also depress the surface of Vuba Stone and should be placed on a wooden board for load distribution.

## CHEMICALS AND STAINING

Gasoline, solvents, etc. should not come into contact with your Vuba Stone surfacing ideally. In the event of spillages, dilute and clean immediately. Solvent and some chemicals will degrade the resin binder, resulting in stone loosening over a period of time.

## DISCOLORATION AND LEACHING

Like all paving surfaces, Vuba Stone will discolor if covered long term with a close contact object. Discoloration occurs from leaching and lack of exposure to air and sunlight. Examples would be a flat bottom plant pot or storage bin. Avoid discoloration by using raised plant pots and not using items like storage bins on the surface.

Have a specific cleaning question? Check out the attached card for detailed instructions!



It is recommended to clean your Vuba Stone surface regularly. For lighter colors, it is even more important to carry out regular cleaning. Vuba Stone surfaces can be pressure washed. It is recommended to hold the wand at a 90-degree angle and at least 6 inches from the surface. Cleaning too close may cause stones to be dislodged.

## CLEANING ADVICE

## **OIL, DIRT, & DEBRIS**

Oil, particularly lubricating or fuel oil, can easily penetrate into Vuba Stone surfacing but should not stain if spillages are removed immediately with an absorbent material. If the stain persists, an emulsifying degreaser should be employed. Prolonged contact with any harsh solvents should be avoided.

## **WEEDS, MOSS & ALGAE**

The application of a permeable membrane underneath the base will help to prevent weed growth from occurring. Absence of a membrane will result in weeds coming through the Vuba Stone. The Vuba Stone surface will not be able to prevent this. It is also possible for weeds to grow in the surface of Vuba Stone, but this can be easily pressure washed away. Organic growth such as moss and algae may occur on hard surfaces where the area is heavily shaded or is under trees. If such growth does occur, the area should be treated with an appropriate cleaning solution.

## **RUSTING & TIRE MARKS**

Rust can occur from two sources. Typically, rust marks are caused by leaching from BBQ's, flower baskets, and other metal garden items. Care should be taken to keep these from leaching on to the resin surface. Naturally occurring aggregates in Vuba Stone may contain pyrite, which upon exposure to moisture can begin to rust. Unfortunately, this is an aspect of Vuba Stone surfacing which, although very rare, can happen naturally. Either course of rusting can be cleaned using non-acidic rust stain remover. Tire marks can normally be removed by scrubbing the area with detergent and hot water or steam cleaning.

## **FRUIT, BERRIES, & LEAVES**

Fruit, berries, and leaves can stain all types of paving surfaces. It is recommended to clean these away from the surface before they can begin to stain the Vuba Stone. Soiled areas may be cleaned with a mixture of liquid Sodium Hypochlorite ( $\text{NaClO}$ ), obtained from swimming pool maintenance suppliers, and a non-oxidizing shampoo (i.e. Baby Shampoo). Dilute 1.5 quarts of Sodium Hypochlorite with 4.5 quarts of water and add 3.5 ounces of baby shampoo. The mixture should be applied using a pump sprayer and the whole area treated, not just individual spots. First, wet the whole area with clean water and then spray the cleaning fluid over the surface. Gently scrub the area with a stiff bristle brush. After 15 minutes, rinse the surface with clean water, making sure the residue does not run onto vegetation.

# **SPECIFIC CLEANING NEEDS AND SOLUTIONS FOR VUBA STONE**