



# LIFE™

## Product Specifications



### Texture Crete Color Wash

### Decorative Concrete Coating

#### Description

Texture Crete Color Wash is a polymer modified cementitious coating system with integral color and a clear top coat. Life Deck **"Texture Crete"** is designed to change smooth concrete into a decorative, durable and textured finish with numerous colors and texture options. The **"Color Wash"** treatment is especially effective to simulate the look of flagstone, slate, stone, brick, pavers or tile.

#### Uses

**Texture Crete Color Wash** is designed to give ugly concrete a decorative and appealing finish. Areas of use: driveways, walkways, patios, garage floors, courtyards, entryways, interior floors, restaurant floors, showrooms and pool decks. **Texture Crete Color Wash** can be installed in both the commercial and residential environments.

#### Advantages

- ✓ Cost Effective
- ✓ Fast Drying
- ✓ "Real" Flagstone-Slate-Stone Look
- ✓ Anti-Skid Finish
- ✓ Unlimited Colors
- ✓ Attractive
- ✓ Safe - No Solvents
- ✓ Variety of Textures

#### Packaging

LD81 Cement Modifier  
1 gal. & 5 gal. pails  
LD1 (grey) LD 5 (nat. lt. grey) & LD 2 (white) Cement  
50 lbs. Bags  
Universal Colorant  
1 oz. or 16 oz. bottles  
Color Wash Powder  
25 lb. In 2g bucket  
Stone Glaze or 4001 Sealer  
1 gallon. & 5 gallon pails

#### Inspection

Concrete must be clean, dry and free of grease, paint, oil, dust or curing agents. It should have a rough broom finish or be porous and feel like 30 grit sandpaper. Drainage problems or puddling must be corrected prior to the installation of **Texture Crete Color Wash**. The concrete must be a minimum of 2500 psi, 3-1/2" thick and meet local building codes.

#### Surface Preparation

Cut open cracks (with diamond crack chaser) and cut and remove any existing joint sealant. Clean the concrete surface with at least 3000 psi water blast to abrade. An acid wash may be necessary to help create a profile. Make sure to properly neutralize with a weak ammonia or baking soda solution and rinse several times and water blast. Sand blasting, shot blasting or grinding may be necessary if the concrete surface has paint or other foreign material on the surface which may prevent proper adhesion. Pressure wash the surface to remove all debris.

#### Application

##### Crack Patch

Cut open small cracks and fill with Life Deck 7200 self-leveling or 7200p 100% Solids Epoxy Paste. Life Deck Seam Tape may also be used to help reinforce, in which case the 7200p should be troweled into the tape and smoothed. Broadcast fine silica onto the wet epoxy to provide a surface for the **Texture Crete** to bond. This remedial approach to patch cracks is not guaranteed and applicator should consider incorporating cracks into a pattern as recommended later in this specification.

##### Primer

In a clean, dry container, mix four gallons of water with one gallon of LD 81 (for a total of 5 gallons) and apply it at a rate of 200-300 square feet per gallon. Roll or spray **Texture Crete** primer over the area to be textured. Life Deck 11 Series epoxy primer may be used as well (See 11 Series specification).

##### Optional Slurry Coat

The slurry coat is designed to smooth out imperfections in the surface and/or to create a grout color. Immediately after primer is dry, mix the slurry coat by combining 1 bag of LD1 (LD-5 for natural colored grout lines) cement into 1 gallon of LD81 acrylic and up to 1/2 gallon of water. Mix thoroughly with a low rpm drill motor. Trowel the slurry mix over the surface to achieve a smooth finish. Coverage of the slurry coat is approximately 100-150 square feet per batch. Using a wet brush, feather all outside edges, seams, cracks and expansion joints. Apply the slurry coat continuously, keeping a "wet edge", blending each new mix into the prior mix. Stop only at existing seams or cracks in the concrete. If you trowel material into the crack or seam, use a margin trowel or back of a chip brush to clear the material out of the crack or seam and to identify for cutting later. Reapply slurry as needed to smooth all surfaces. After

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the surface is dry, scrape or grind off any ridges or trowel marks. Do not apply templates or grout tape until slurry has dried overnight.

### **Texture Coat**

Combine 1 bag of LD2 cement into 1 gallon of LD81 acrylic. Mix thoroughly with a low rpm drill motor. Add 1 oz. of the selected universal colorant to the mix. Be sure to carefully rinse the container to remove all the colorant. Add up to 1/2 gallon of water to achieve the desired consistency. Make sure to use the exact same amount of water and colorant for each mix and combine completely to maintain consistent color and texture. Pour the mix onto the surface to be covered and skip trowel on to the floor using a rounded pool trowel for best results. Wipe the trowel clean with a wet rag as needed. Trowel consistently and continuously, stopping only at existing seams or cracks in the concrete. If you trowel material into the crack or seam, use a margin trowel or back of a chip brush to clear the material out of the crack or seam and to identify for cutting later. You may reach out and re-trowel or "burn" the surface to create a shinier, smoother surface to simulate stone. Make sure to trowel the entire surface the same way throughout the project. If you are unsatisfied with the results, scrape off immediately and re-apply.

*Tips:* Do a small sample area before you begin.

After the **Texture Coat** has hardened enough to walk on, scrape and or slightly sand the surface using a buffing pad to even out the look and feel of the texture. A floor buffer with a red buffing pad is helpful for large areas. Be careful to sand or buff consistently and not to damage the texture. Sweep and wash off the excess cement, dust and debris.

### **Color Wash**

Mix the color wash powder (in choice of color) with 4 parts of water and roll on to the texture with a 3/4" nap roller and brush into the surface using a stiff brush or broom. Reapply to darken or accent individual "stones" or "tiles". Color Wash mix must be continuously stirred with roller to avoid settling. When dry (1 to 2 hours), buff the surface again to remove loose aggregate or unwanted sand from the surface. "Clean out" the cracks and seams and incorporate them into a pattern at this time if desired. If templates or grout tape was installed, remove now. Sweep and blow off the surface.

### **Seal Coat**

Apply Life Deck 4001 Sealer or Life Deck Stone Glaze (for the wet look). Apply at rate of 200-300 sq. ft. per gallon.

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### **Limitations**

- ✓ Texture Crete is not intended as a waterproof deck coating.
- ✓ Intended for use by a factory trained professional applicator
- ✓ Do not install Texture Crete if the temperature is below 55° or above 95°.
- ✓ Rain may wash away uncured Life Deck acrylic products. If inclement weather threatens, cover deck to protect new application. Do not allow any Life Deck product to FREEZE.

### **Clean Up**

Uncured material can be removed with water or solvent. Cured material can only be removed mechanically. Always protect from over spray.

### **Maintenance**

Most stains clean up with TSP and water. Use a bristle scrub brush and a pressure washer with 3000 psi. Rinse thoroughly. The **Texture Crete** deck should be resealed with Life Deck Stone Glaze or 4001 Sealer every 2 to 4 years depending upon ultraviolet exposure from the sun and traffic.

### **Repair**

Repairs may be done by grinding off the damaged area and replacing the material as written in this specification.

### **Warranty**

**Life Deck Texture Crete** has a 5 year limited warranty. It is valid only if the complete **Texture Crete** system is installed by a factory trained licensed contractor and maintenance specifications are followed. Life Deck Inc. will replace any defective **Texture Crete** product proven to be the cause of a deck failure. The Life Deck warranty shall not exceed the replacement cost of the defective material and does not- include labor. All claims regarding product defects must be presented to Life Deck Inc. within 90 days of alleged defects. The absence of a written claim during this period will constitute a waiver of all claims against the manufacturer. Cracks in the subsurface will telegraph through and are not covered under any warranty. Warranty is void if subsurface or adjoining areas are not built to meet local building codes.