

# C<sup>2</sup> HARD BLEND<sup>TM</sup>

### Step-by-Step Application Instructions - C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend

Before beginning, always read SDS and Product Data Sheet for complete instructions and safety information. Always prepare a test panel before proceeding.

### DILUTION RATES BASED ON SURFACE CONDITION AND DESIRED DENSIFICATION

- Undiluted C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend<sup>™</sup> ideal for steel-troweled or polished concrete
- 75/25 concentrate/water ideal for a harder steel-troweled or polished surface
- 50/50 concentrate/water ideal for dustproofing.

### APPLICATION OPTION A: STEEL-TROWELED / BURNISHED CONCRETE

- 1. Remove all foreign materials including bond breakers, curing agents, surface grease, and construction debris. (Best results achieved with an auto-scrubbing machine)
- 2. \*Dilute C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend™. Mix or stir well.
- 3. Estimated coverage rates 10-20 m<sup>2</sup>/L. Coverage rates vary, depending on density and porosity of concrete.
- 4. Using a low-pressure sprayer, apply a single coat of  $C^2$  Hard Blend<sup>m</sup> evenly enough to wet the surface, avoiding puddling.
- 5. Pre-wet a clean microfiber pad and spread product evenly and ensure uniform wetting. Avoid overlap marks and streaks.
- 6. Be sure to maintain a wet edge when applying and avoid spreading when drying begins.
- 7. Surface should remain wet for 10-15 minutes.
- 8. Let treated and cleaned surfaces dry for 1 hour.
- 9. If higher sheen is desired, once dry, burnish concrete with high-speed equipment, fitted with an #800 level diamond impregnated pad. C² Hard Blend™ does not need to be burnished to perform properly.
- **10.** For increased hardening and sheen, apply second application and continue with #1500 level diamond impregnated pad.

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### OPTION B: GROUND, HONED OR POLISHED CONCRETE

- 1. Sand, level, or grind the concrete surface with a floor sander, orbital floor machine or diamond grinding as needed to achieve desired exposure. Grind floor to #200 grit resin bond diamonds.
- 2. Remove all dust and debris using a floor scrubbing machine and fresh, clean water.
- 3. Allow surface to dry before application.
- 4. \*Dilute C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend™. Mix or stir well.
- 5. Estimated coverage rates 10-20 m<sup>2</sup>/L. Coverage rates vary, depending on density and porosity of concrete.
- 6. Using a low-pressure sprayer, apply a single coat of  $C^2$  Hard Blend<sup>TM</sup> evenly enough to wet the surface, avoiding puddling.
- 7. Pre-wet a clean microfiber pad and spread product evenly and ensure uniform wetting. Avoid overlap marks and streaks.
- 8. Be sure to maintain a wet edge when applying and avoid spreading when drying begins.
- 9. Surface should remain wet for 10-15 minutes.
- 10. Let treated and cleaned surfaces dry for 1 hour.
- 11. Grind with #400 grit resin bond diamonds
- 12. For increased hardening, apply a second light application of C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend<sup>™</sup>, allow to dry and continue to polish to desired level.

### OPTION C: DUSTPROOFING

- 1. Dustproofing can be achieved on fresh or old concrete.
- 2. \*Diluting C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend™ is not necessary for dustproofing.
- 3. Remove all foreign materials including bond breakers, curing agents, surface grease, and construction debris. (Best results achieved with an auto-scrubbing machine)
- 4. Allow surface to dry before application.
- 5. Using a low-pressure sprayer, apply a single coat of  $C^2$  Hard Blend<sup>TM</sup> evenly enough to wet the surface, avoiding puddling.
- 6. Pre-wet a clean microfiber pad and spread product evenly and ensure uniform wetting. Avoid overlap marks and streaks.
- 7. Be sure to maintain a wet edge when applying and avoid spreading when drying begins.
- 8. Surface should remain wet for 10-15 minutes.
- 9. Let treated and cleaned surfaces dry for 1 hour.

### PLEASE NOTE

- C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend™ is specifically designed for steel troweled, power troweled or burnished concrete floors.
- C² Hard Blend™ will not prevent water penetration through structural cracks, defects, or open ioints.
- C<sup>2</sup> Hard Blend™ is ideal for dustproofing.
- Please refer to the complete application instructions available on our website at: www.cretecolors.com