

ACRYL-ITE BLOCK PAVING SEALER APPLICATION GUIDE

Applying Acryl-ite block paving sealer is easy and will provide long lasting protection for your block paving. Please follow these simple guidelines to ensure you apply your sealant correctly and get the most from the product.

PREPARATION

NEW PAVING:

Ensure all areas of block paving to be sealed is clean, dust free and that no efflorescence (surface whiteness) is present.

If efflorescence is visible it is important to treat with efflorescence remover. Wash down thoroughly with clean water. Allow 4-6 weeks after treatment to ensure that efflorescence does not re-appear.

EXISTING PAVING:

All forms of existing block paved surfaces must be clean, free of stains, dust, algae, weeds and efflorescence.

For optimum results, treat the block paving with Moss and Algae Killer prior to cleaning with a pressure washer. During the cleaning process ensure sand and dirt is removed from deep within the joints to allow for at least 30mm of new kiln dried sand to be brushed into the joints.

If efflorescence (surface whiteness) is present, proceed as stated in the 'New Paving' section above.

FINAL PREPARATION

Check that pavers are dry below the surface by scraping out the sand between the blocks to a depth of 10– 15mm. If the sand is dry, the blocks will now be ready for sealing.

With a sanding broom, sweep additional kiln dry sand into all joints. Ensure that all surplus sand is removed from the face of the blocks or bevelled edges.

Ensure temperature is between 5°C-25°C degrees and that no rain is forecast for at least 8 hours.

APPLICATION OF BLOCK PAVING SEALER

Wear protective gloves, mask, goggles, boots and suitable clothing at all times.

Use Tampico Masonry brush to apply block paving sealer to edges.

Apply block paving sealer to main area with a medium pile roller or sprayer.

We recommend applying 2 coats for maximum protection and leave for approx. 2 hours between applications

To minimise possible adverse effects of moisture it is best to re-sand sand the block paving joints and apply both coats of block paving sealer on the same day.

Apply at a ratio of approx. 2 M² per litre (1st coat) to ensure good penetration into joints and approx. 3.5 M² per litre on the 2nd coat.

Once sealing is complete do not walk on for approx. 2 hours and do not drive on for 24hours.

MAINTENANCE

ACRYL-ITE Block Paving Sealers are designed to help minimise maintenance for the homeowner but as with all paving products, some degree of routine maintenance is necessary to prevent build-up of lichen, stains or algae growth.

We recommend a treatment of Moss and Algae Killer to the joints between the pavers and a gentle wash of the paved area using Path and Patio Cleaner once or twice a year after sealing to keep block paving in optimum condition.

ACRYL-ITE Block Paving Sealers are designed to be re-applied as and when required. To keep in optimum condition a top-up coat of sealer is generally advisable every 2-3 years. The paving should be clean and free of grease or oil before any application.

ACRYL-ITE Block Paving Sealers can be re-applied at any time if the paving is clean and dry. This allows areas of high wear to be re-treated if required.

Any spillages of oil based products should be removed as soon as possible with a biological degreaser to avoid any dry stains forming.

To minimise moss or algae growth in areas at risk such north facing and shady areas, underneath hanging baskets, adjacent to borders or overhanging trees, the area should be treated with Moss and Algae Killer. An annual treatment of the paving with Moss and Algae Killer and gentle power washing is recommended in most cases.

Sand joints which are disturbed by heavy trafficking can be replaced and ACRYL-ITE Block Paving Sealer re-applied to the jointing sand in small amounts to make good.

ACRYL-ITE Block Paving Sealers are manufactured as a matt finish 'in-surface' seal, but where over-application occurs, removal of excess sealer is a simple task using Cleaning Solvent. This will prevent any reduction in the slip resistance of the block paving.

Any spillages or for cleaning of tools, sprayer units or containers can be carried out using Cleaning Solvent.

For advice and technical information on any aspect of using ACRYL-ITE Block Paving Sealers please contact the Technical Department on 0845 6769703