

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikafloor®-956 LD

A deep penetrating lithium densifier for improving concrete surface hardness, ease of polishing, and stain resistance.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sikafloor®- 956 LD is a VOC free concrete densifier formulated to deeply penetrate and quickly react with concrete components. It will harden, densify, and increase the abrasion resistance of cementitious surfaces. Based on a blend of lithium silicate and surface tension modifiers, it deeply penetrates into concrete pores easier than competitive products. It reacts with cement, pozzolans, and most aggregates to fill microvoids and allow concrete to polish faster while improving water and stain resistance. It is not a coating, and will not crack, peel, or delaminate from surfaces. It can be used full strength or diluted to meet specific project needs.

USES

Use as an effective dye-lock when polishing concrete, or to harden, densify, or dustproof the cementitious surfaces of:

- Interior or exterior floors
- Stairs and walkways
- Terrazzo
- Ground and polished floors
- Countertops
- Below grade basements

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	0 VOC , Lithium Silicate with a penetrating aid, 12% solids
Packaging	5-gallon (18.9 L) pail
Appearance / Color	Clear

Shelf Life	24 months in original unopened container under proper storage conditions. 30 days after opening.
Storage Conditions	Store dry between 40°F to 120°F (4°C - 49°C). Protect from Freezing.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Coverage	200–400 ft ² /gal (4.9–9.8 m ² /L)		
Waiting / Recoat Times	Ambient & Substrate Temperature	Relative humidity	Time
	70°F (21°C)	50 %	1 hour
*Application rate of 400 sq. ft. per gallon (9.8 m ² /L)			
Drying Time	Ambient & Substrate Temperature	Time	
	+ 70°F (21°C)	24 hours	

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Concrete substrate should be at least at 7 days and preferably 28 days old. Concrete surfaces must be dry and clean of all prior sealers, curing compounds oils or other foreign materials that might prevent penetration. If used as first stage densifier or dye lock for concrete polish work, grind to the desired aggregate exposure ending with 80 to 200 grit tools. Use brooms or vacuums to remove all grinding dust, loose concrete laitance, and powders, or the densifier may permanently adhere them to the surface.

Jobsite Test Sections

Verify and approve suitability and appearance by making jobsite test sections prior to general application. Test sections must be of adequate size to be representative and be produced by the same workers who will apply product to the larger job. Test completed systems for wet and dry slip resistance to ensure they meet expectations. Do not proceed with products, techniques, or finishing systems that do not meet required safety specifications or site owner approval.

APPLICATION

Sikafloor®-956 LD can be used full strength or diluted to meet the needs of the specific project. Dilution rate, surface age, hardness, porosity, substrate moisture content, and purpose will determine the optimum combination of dilution and coverage rate.

Dilution Rates

Dilution rate will depend upon porosity, age and condition of the concrete.

Hard, steel troweled, recently ground concrete in good condition and first time applicators are recommended to dilute the product: 1:1 with potable water.

For soft or aged concrete: Use full strength.

Mixing

If diluted, mix until uniform.

Coverage

Coverage will depend upon method of application, surface porosity, age, moisture, absorption characteristics and the texture of the concrete. Coverage on flat finished concrete is typically 200–400 ft²/gal (4.9–9.8 m²/L). Old or soft concrete will require more material. Slabs ground to expose hard non absorptive aggregates will take less material.

Equipment

Apply Sikafloor®-956 LD by brush, roller, sponge, mop, or pump-spray application. Use rotary floor scrubbers equipped with brushes or pads to assist with large jobs. Always wear protective clothing and equipment proper for the method of application.

Spray applicator Guidelines

Pump Garden Sprayer: Use conical tip and apply with circular motion. Mask all areas not to be coated to safeguard against splashes, overspray, and runoff from application. Wear all required safety equipment. Take care not to allow tape adhesive to interfere with surfaces to be treated. Surface wet with material will be slippery until dry.

Distribute product with a pump garden sprayer to fully saturate the surface. Surfaces should remain wet 5 to 10 minutes. Work material into the surface with a broom, mop, or sponge to ensure product penetrates into substrate pores and microcracks. Take care not to create lap marks as they cannot be removed once the product has dried. If too much material has been applied, and it is puddled after 30 minutes, dilution and removal with a wet vacuum is recommended.

Recoat Time

When the first application is dry to touch, a second coat can be applied to maximize densification properties. If used as a polishing aid, wet polishing can begin when dry to touch.

Dry Time

ation into the substrate, and weather conditions. At 70°F (21°C) and 50 % relative humidity with an application rate of 400 sq. ft. per gallon (9.8 m²/L), surfaces should be dry and walkable and ready for the next stage of polishing or rinsing in 1 hour.

If surface will not be polished further, or they will be sealed with coating, wash surfaces at this stage with fresh water to remove excess densifier. when completely dry, surface can be returned to service. if sealing wait 24 hours to allow the densifier to cure.

CLEANING OF TOOLS

Clean equipment with warm water and detergent immediately after application.

LIMITATIONS

Sikafloor®-956 LD is not a membrane forming curing compound and does not conform to ASTM C 309 requirements. It is not a substitute for proper curing procedures. It is not designed to provide water or oil resistance to the concrete surface without further treatment.

If residual Sikafloor®-956 LD is allowed to dry on the concrete surface it will leave unsightly deposits that are difficult to remove. The appearance of residue on the concrete surface after completion indicates that the excess Sikafloor®-956 LD was not removed. This residue can only be removed by mechanical means.

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

Results may differ based upon statistical variations depending upon mixing methods and equipment, temperature, application methods, test methods, actual site conditions and curing conditions.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

See Legal Disclaimer.

ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For further information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, user should refer to the actual Safety Data Sheets containing physical, environmental, toxicological and other safety related data. User must read the current actual Safety Data Sheets before using any products. In case of an emergency, call CHEMTREC at 1-800-424-9300, International 703-527-3887.

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- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
- NOT FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION
- FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY
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