



# YARD PACK™

Integral Color System

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Deco-Crete (DC) Yard Pack™ Integral Color is a pre-packaged, non-fading, streak-free integral coloring system for ready-mix concrete that meets ASTM Standard C979 (Standard Specification for Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete). Formulated using synthetic iron oxide pigments, Yard Pack™ is designed as a one bag per cubic yard color system made for 6 sack ready-mix concrete. Quality control during manufacturing & packaging helps ensure your jobs will have uniform color from load-to-load. Yard Pack™ is the ideal coloring system for stamped, exposed aggregate, broom & trowel finish, or any other colored concrete applications. The Yard Pack™ Integral Color System comes with 30 standard colors. Using Deco-Crete texturing tools, Color Hardener, Antique Release, or Texture Enhancer can create more colors & design options for any decorative concrete project.

## TECHNICAL INFO

- + Dosage Rate \_\_\_\_\_ 1 bag per yd<sup>3</sup>
- + Meets ASTM \_\_\_\_\_ C979
- + Shelf Life \_\_\_\_\_ Indefinite
- + Packaging \_\_\_\_\_ 18 & 30 lb. Bags

## RECOMMENDED APPLICATIONS

- + Stamped Concrete
- + Exposed Aggregate Concrete
- + Trowel Finish Concrete
- + Broom & Swirl Finish Concrete
- + Poured Walls



## QUICK FACTS

- + 30 Standard Colors
- + Easy to Use, 1 bag per yd<sup>3</sup> System
- + Water Dissolvable Bag
- + Uniform Color Dispersion
- + Mini Yard Pack™ Available for Overlays & Countertops



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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

*Yard Pack™ Integral Color System is designed to be mixed into the concrete only; it is not intended to nor should it ever be sprinkled or dusted onto the concrete surface.*

### DOSING

Deco-Crete highly recommends dosing Yard Pack™ at the ready-mix plant allowing the load the mix the entire way to the jobsite. Before adding the color check your slump & make adjustments to the concrete as needed. Roll the concrete to the back of the drum & add colors to the load, mix the colors in the truck for a minimum of 15 min. or 150 revolutions. Run some concrete down the chute to check mix color uniformity. If color streaking is present, continue mixing for additional 5 min. Longer mixing time may be required when working with a pea gravel mix design to ensure proper breakdown of bag.

### MIX DESIGN

From start to finish of project, use the same mix design, water content, type & brand of cement, & mixing time to ensure consistent color from batch to batch. Every job should be a minimum cement content of 6 sacks per yd<sup>3</sup> & a slump between 4–5 in. If the slump & mix design are not met from batch to batch color variation may occur. Plasticizers, water-reducers, & air entraining products that are designed for colored concrete may be used. If accelerator is needed use non-chloride accelerator only (NCA). DO NOT USE CALCIUM CHLORIDE.

### SUBGRADE

Preparing the subgrade with compacted aggregate & no standing water is essential. Pouring colored concrete directly over plastic can lead to numerous problems including excessive bleed water, uneven drying time, & efflorescence. It is recommended to add 2–4 in. of sand between plastic & concrete.

### PLACING & FINISHING

Once placement has begun, do not add any additional water to the concrete mix. After placement & bull floating is complete no further finishing should be carried out until the initial bleed water has dissipated, after which finishing may be performed. During the finishing process, DO NOT USE WATER TO AID IN FINISHING. Deco-Crete Deco-Film or a finishing aid designed for use with colored concrete may be used to maintain or add surface moisture. Prior to finishing concrete with a broom make sure to thoroughly shake off excess water before brooming surface to avoid color variations & streaks.

*TIMING IS CRITICAL TO AVOID COLOR INCONSISTENCIES! Once the finishing process has started, continue to finish the entire load to completion not allowing large gaps of time to occur. Avoid refinishing small sections of the slab due to imperfections. Refinishing only a portion of the slab will lead to color inconsistencies.*

### CURING & SEALING

It is never recommended to use plastic sheeting, water, or burlap to cure colored concrete, as it will discolor and streak the surface. Cure with Deco-Crete D-One, D-Shield, or Deco-Cure. Do not over apply curing compound or store objects on colored concrete for at least 7 days to avoid discoloration. Deco-Crete recommends Deco-Crete D-One or D-Shield for final sealer application. Please refer to tech data sheets before applying any sealer.

### PRO TIPS

- + Manage expectations on coloring concrete with your customers.
- + Allow 28 days for final color to develop.

FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY. This product is intended for use by licensed concrete contractors that have the experience & training to use this product. The colors shown on the color chart are an approximate representation of concrete with a flat trowel & unsealed finish. Deco-Crete is not responsible for application methods, finishing techniques, or any other variables that cannot guarantee the final appearance to be an exact match to the color chart. Deco-Crete strongly recommends that a representative jobsite sample be made for each product.

## STORAGE

- + Store in a dry, covered area. Avoid moisture and direct sun.



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