





Plain concrete made with medium gray cement

* The color chips depicted in this color selector show the approximate color of broom-finished, fully cured decorative concrete flatwork made with a medium gray cement, and a 0.45 to 0.50 water-cement ratio. Decorative concrete cured with BASF's MasterKure® CC 1315 curing compound will be slightly darker in appearance. There are many factors that can impact the finished appearance of in-place decorative concrete. FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY.



Take Concrete from Gray to Gorgeous!

Best Practices for Decorative Concrete Flatwork

MasterColor (formerly RHEOCOLOR L) liquid-coloring admixtures are suitable for cast-in-place concrete, precast concrete and manufactured concrete products, including such applications as driveways, sidewalks, pool decks, patios and architectural décor.

Ordering Decorative Concrete

- Use the same concrete mixture proportions and water-cementitious materials ratio and maintain a consistent slump throughout the project. The use of admixtures from BASF can improve concrete workability while maintaining lower water-cementitious materials ratios.
- Use MasterSure® Z 60 (formerly RheoTEC Z-60) workability-retaining admixture from BASF to retain slump and consistency between loads, and to eliminate the need for on-site addition of water.
- To maintain color consistency, order decorative concrete in minimum 3 yd³ (2 m³) increments.
- Calcium chloride accelerators will discolor the concrete surface. Use non-chloride accelerators from BASF to achieve reduced concrete set time.

Placing Decorative Concrete

- Do not add water on-site to adjust slump.
- Place concrete on a well-drained subgrade that has adequate and uniform load-bearing characteristics and is thoroughly compacted and dampened.
- Place concrete close to its final position to avoid potential segregation.
- Do not place concrete over free standing water or muddy, frozen or soft spots.
- Concrete placed in the shade may display variations in color. This is normal and will diminish with time.

Finishing Decorative Concrete

- Protect the concrete surface from rapid evaporation of bleed water. Use MasterKure ER 50 (formerly Confilm) evaporation reducer from BASF as needed.
- Texture all surfaces adequately and uniformly for slip resistance.
- Finish all surfaces consistently and at similar times after placement.
- Finish the edges first and do all handwork in the same direction.
- Do not sprinkle water or add water to the surface during finishing operations. This will lighten the surface color.
- Over-troweling or burnishing the concrete surface will cause discoloration and darkening of the surface color.

Curing Decorative Concrete

- For best results, all decorative concrete should be cured properly. Do not use plastic sheeting or water to cure decorative concrete.
- Use BASF's MasterKure CC 1315 (formerly Kure 1315) water-based curing compound or other compatible curing compounds.
- Until it is completely cured, the color of concrete is normally less uniform and appears darker than the final color.
- Do not allow items to stand on the concrete during and immediately following the curing process.

Effective January 1, 2014, the names of BASF's Master Builders Solutions brand products have changed: RHEOCOLOR L became MasterColor RheoTEC Z-60 became MasterSureR Z 60 Kure 1315 became MasterKure CC 1315 Confilm became MasterKure ER 50

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