# Tek Gel

# Gelled muriatic acid for surface profiling



### DESCRIPTION

Tek Gel is gelled hydrochloric (muriatic) acid used to clean and induce surface profile on concrete surfaces. Of all the cleaning and profiling methods, Tek Gel profiling is one of the safest, environmentally friendly and least expensive methods. Tek Gel will remove rust, mold, mildew, efflorescence and calcium build up, grease and oil, toxic material (i.e., PCBs, blood, animal/human waste), grease and oil. At the same time, it will profile and open up the concrete surface.

# Tek Gel is available in three different concentrations:

#### Tek Gel HD24

- Most aggressive with 24% gelled Hydrochloric acid.
- Used when 80-100 grit sand paper profile is desired (application of 100% solids coatings not more than 20 mil thick)
- Used when chemical stains (acid stains...Patinaétch) is NOT the coloring system

#### Tek Gel for Profiling

- Medium aggressive with 20% gelled Hydrochloric acid.
- Used when 120 grit sand paper profile is desired (application of sealers that are applied at of 4-5 mil thick)
- Used when chemical stains (acid stains...Patinaétch) is NOT the coloring system

#### Tek Gel for Flattooing

- least aggressive with 16% gelled Hydrochloric acid.
- Used before the application of chemical stain (acid stain... Patinaétch) over a machine trowelled concrete surface to open up its pores so that the acid stain penetrates the concrete and reacts with the lime in the concrete to produce beautiful stained concrete colors)

#### **ADVANTAGES**

- Ready and easy to use / predictable results
- Single step cleaning and profiling
- Can be applied to horizontal and vertical surfaces
- Very minimal fumes non flammable
- Generate no silica dust or noise pollution
- Can be neutralized with just water
- No special disposing required
- (can be flushed into common sewer)
- Zero VOC

# SUBSTRATE REQUIREMENTS

Substrate temperature must be a minimum of 50°F

# **COLOR SELECTION**

Tek Gel colors are Yellow, Red and Opaque depending on the concentration.

### **APPLICATION**

#### **Preparation**

- Use a plastic tarp to prevent unintended etching.
- Tape of all exposed metals.
- Provide ventilation fans if necessary.
- Pre-wetting the surface relieves some heat stress.
- Remove all standing water.
- Outdoor application with drain
- Shake/Stir product thoroughly prior to application
- Product can be applied using non-metallic/acid resistant tools, i.e., squeegee, roller, brush, lambs wool pad, sprayer, etc.
- Evenly broadcast product immediately. Do not allow product to sit in a pile on the surface.
- Let it stand 5-15 minutes.
- Thoroughly remove all expired product with water & flush to sewer.

# Indoor without drain

- Repeat the steps mentioned above.
- Using plastic tools pull expired product into a mass & collect into a pail, add neutralizer to pail. Product can be carried off-site for approved disposal.
- Neutralize the surface & thoroughly clean remaining product from surface using wet-vac or mop.

#### Application over Stencil

- Shake/stir product thoroughly prior to application
- Place the stencil on the surface as per Mfgr. instructions.
- Apply Tek Gel to exposed areas of the stencil using a paint brush. For best results and crisp etched detail, avoid breaking the bond of the stencil to the concrete.
- Let the product stand 5-15 minutes. Over polymer concrete overlays, gentle rubbing may be necessary.
- Leaving the stencil in place, collect excess gelled acid into a pail & neutralize before discharging to drain.









- Thoroughly neutralize entire etched area, rinse with water. Rising at least twice or thrice is recommended. Ensure that the stencil is still bonded to the substrate while rinsing Tek Gel.
- Leave the stencil in place if accent colorants are to be applied.
- Mix the colorants to Stain Mule, The Stain Carrier, color thickener for color placement control.

#### **CLEAN UP**

Clean skin with soap and water. Tools and equipment should be cleaned with mild detergent and water.

#### **COVERAGE**

Tek Gel typically covers 200-400ft2/gal.

#### **AVAILABILITY**

Tek Gel is available throughout the United States and Canada. Contact Düraamen representative in your area for details.

### LIMITATIONS/COMPABILITIES

Protect all exposed metal surfaces. Products are highly reactive with aluminum, zinc & lead; may create a structural or dimensional instability as well as pitting. Contact on metals may cause damage to metal. Product may cause flash rust on bare metal surfaces. Flush metal immediately with water.

Avoid oxidizers, caustics, fabrics, carpets, metals & marble. This product is not intended to etch through resinous coatings.

Provide adequate ventilation. Humidity will increase product fuming. Excessive heat can cause evolution of gaseous hydrogen chloride. Do not reuse the container. Follow all applicable Federal, State & Local chemical disposal regulations.

## **FIRST AID**

Internal: Drink copious amounts of water. Do not induce vomiting, Seek immediate medical attention.

External: Wash skin with soap and rinse with water.

Eyes: Flush with water for 15 minutes. Seek immediate medical attention. If overcome by vapors, move to fresh air immediately.

#### **TECHNICAL SERVICE**

Duraamen Building & Allied Products, Inc. provides services and consultations on material selection, specification, troubleshooting, and other information on the proper repair and protection of concrete surface

#### TECHNICAL DATA

Composition	Hydrochloric acid (16-25%)
Color	Yellow/Red/Opaque
Odor	Pungent
Volatile Organic Content	-0-
Solubility	Infinite with water
Flash point	>200°F
Freeze/Thaw	No effect Store between 380-100°F
Shelf Life	1 year in properly sealed, shipped & stored containers
Health rating	Severe (Corrosive)

#### WARRANTY

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