

How to Add Color to Existing Exterior Concrete

Adding color to existing exterior concrete is a great option to aesthetically enhance landscaping. However, to maximize the longevity and appearance, the correct coloring products, application techniques and protective sealers must be used.

1. Choose Concrete Color

Since exterior concrete is subject to UV radiation and open to the elements, a coloring product specifically designed to hold up to these factors in ways that interior-use dyes are not capable of is recommended. Prosoco ColorHard and Ameripolish ColorJuice 3D are two products that are UV stable and engineered for exposure to the elements. They both will provide years of beautiful color in exterior applications.



2. Prep the Surface

Proper preparation of the concrete to be colored is crucial for the successful application of both ColorHard and ColorJuice 3D. Prior to applying either of these products, do the following:

1. Remove any sealers that are present
2. Clean concrete substrate and free of debris
3. Use a mild etching agent to dissolve latents and salts that may be blocking the access channels into the interior of the concrete

Use with
ColorHard:



Prosoco SafEtch

Use with
ColorJuice 3D:



Ameripolish EzEtch



3. Seal the Surface

Once the color has been applied according to the manufacturer's recommended process, it is very important to protect the concrete and its beautiful new hue with the proper sealer.

Use with ColorHard:



Prosoco GuardEXT

Use with ColorJuice 3D:



Ameripolish X-Link

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With either the Prosoco ColorHard system, or the Ameripolish ColorJuice 3D system, existing exterior concrete can be aesthetically enhanced and protected for the long-term.