

# PAVE-GARD

Enhances, seals and protects natural stone, terracotta, concrete block paving and slabs



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**PAVE-GARD** provides an effective barrier against ingress of dirt, oil, food or drink spillage to simplify maintenance & cleaning. Helps to provide resistance against the build-up of algae on porous substrates. Original colours of stone or concrete remain virtually unchanged, however darker tones may be enriched.

### User safe, water-based coating

No inhalation/ flammable solvent dangers. Requires minimal equipment or personal protection. Simple, safe application.

### Wide spectrum protection

Resists deep penetration from oil, grease, food stuffs, grime and dirt.

### Long coating life

Up to 4/5 years depending on traffic/ environmental conditions.†

† Excluding areas vulnerable to spillage from petrol/diesel fuel

### Protects investment

Overcomes costly staining problems on unprotected surfaces.

### Virtually invisible

Little change to neutral tones. Enhances deeper colours.

### Prevents surface dusting

Gives effortless cleaning, saves time and money.

### Reduces algae growth

Helps to provide resistance to the build-up of algae.

## Preparation

Surfaces must be completely dry - not just surface dry. If not, following rainfall or washing, the paving material will contain water vapour and will not absorb sufficient sealer. Any stains/marks (i.e. cement) will show through the sealed surface & be impossible to remove. If materials have been laid some time and require cleaning, treat these with a suitable cleaning product preferably using highpressure equipment. Use great care on moulded concrete pavers reducing pressure to prevent surface damage.

## Application

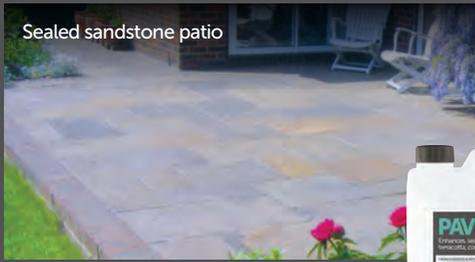
2 coats of PAVE-GARD are required for protection of concrete block paving/slabs and natural stone. Note: A single coat only should be applied to slate or limestone. The first coat will absorb more sealer than the second. Apply using a knapsack sprayer or soft-bristled sweeping brush. Spraying is recommended on block paving to avoid sand displacement. Any puddles on slabs or pointing must be eliminated after 5-10 mins with the brush almost dry to avoid over-application.

## Drying time

Allow 2/3 hours after first coat is dry before applying the second coat. Below 10°C the drying time will be extended. Never coat if rain is forecast on the day of sealing.

## Coating life

Product life depends on traffic and environmental conditions, typically 4/5 years. Areas subject to heavy traffic and soiling may be re-coated (one coat) as necessary following appropriate cleaning.



Sealed sandstone patio



Sealed block paving drive



Identical pavers. Lhs cleaned & sealed



Grey & buff sandstone, half sealed

## Coverage

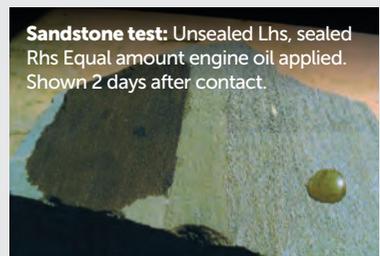
Approx 7m<sup>2</sup>/L per coat (Calculate 3.5m<sup>2</sup>/L for the 2 finished coats) Differences in the porosity of materials, width of joints to block paving etc. may vary amount required.

## General

- (1) Appearance:** Surface finish depends on the porosity of stone or method of manufacture of other products. This will vary from neutral to a slight sheen or in the case of wet-cast pavers, a more pronounced sheen. Weathering will reduce this effect. PAVE-GARD will not significantly alter neutral coloured materials. Deeper colours of brown, red or grey are generally enhanced.
- (2) Cleaning:** Treated surfaces may be washed using water or a neutral detergent. The use of high pH alkaline cleaners should be avoided, since these may cause damage.
- (3) Efflorescence:** Should paving materials show a milky stain on the face, this may indicate the temporary phenomenon of efflorescence. Sealing is not recommended until this has disappeared.

## Sand stabilisation

If block pavers with wide joints are laid (in particular with falls), kiln-dried jointing sand must be totally dry when sealed. Only seal when no rain is forecast for at least 48 hours, since surface area of sand exposed is small and curing time greatly extended underneath. Allow for the application of additional sealer to permit penetration into jointing sand to at least 25mm (1 inch) deep.



**Sandstone test:** Unsealed Lhs, sealed Rhs Equal amount engine oil applied. Shown 2 days after contact.

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## CHECKLIST BEFORE SEALING!

### Always ✓

- Ensure no dirt, dust, oil, cement or other stains are on surface to be sealed. Later removal is virtually impossible.
- Check the weather forecast for rain if sealing outside.
- Allow sufficient time for the first coat to dry before applying the second.
- Spray or brush generous coats evenly. Brush out "puddles" on slabs after 5/10 minutes.
- Make allowances for long curing times in colder temperatures.
- Wash spraying equipment or brushes with water immediately work finishes.

### Never ✗

- Coat onto surfaces with the temporary phenomenon of efflorescence.
- Apply at ambient temperatures below 8°C or above 25°C.
- Coat externally after periods of heavy rain. Absorption will be reduced. Allow complete drying.
- Walk on surfaces for at least 6hrs or permit vehicles for 48hrs.
- Leave accidental stains in contact for long periods. Remove quickly.
- Use high alkaline cleaning products. Neutral washing up liquids are better.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. KEEP FROST-FREE.  
NOT SUITABLE FOR AREAS VULNERABLE TO PETROL/DIESEL SPILLAGE.**

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