



## **Most Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **What is the Engrave-A-Crete® System?**

The Engrave-A-Crete® System consists of several combined processes that remodel concrete to produce a pleasing appearance. Briefly, a deep penetrating acrylic or chemical/acid stain is used to transform the color, then a permanent, precise, pattern is engraved (cut) INTO the hard concrete with our patented concrete engravers. The Engrave-A-Crete® Process is NOT a topping or overlayment that could chip off.

### **What does the finished job look like?**

Using our technology, ordinary concrete can be remodeled to look like brick, tile, polished marble, flagstone, fieldstone, ashlar slate, cobblestone, geometric designs, corporate logos, or themed designs. Classic circular, arched or straight patterns that look either brand new or with a long history can be engraved into existing concrete.

### **Where can Engrave-A-Crete® be used?**

Driveways, floors, parking lots, entries, walkways, basements, pool decks, patios, restaurant and retail floors--any concrete residential, commercial or municipal. Many homes, office buildings, restaurants, stores, fast food establishments, convenience stores, have Engrave-A-Crete® inside and out

### **Will the color fade?**

Nothing is impervious to the sun's UV rays, everybody's colors change. Fade? Maybe a little. Many times a color actually becomes darker. Changes in the color of a stain outside are very slow and span many years, especially when they are routinely maintained with a clear sealer. Keep in mind, the routine maintenance of decorative concrete projects can provide you with a continuous revenue stream.

### **How thick is it?**

There is no thickness added. The grooving process cuts the concrete to give an appearance of a grout line and that gives the look of depth and texture.

### **Can Engrave-A-Crete® be applied to concrete walls or steps?**

The Engrave-A-Crete® process can be used walls, ceilings, and concrete steps including risers and treads.

### **How is the color of hard existing concrete changed?**

There are proven methods that you can use to change the color of ordinary gray concrete. Penetrating acrylic and Reactive Acid Chemical (RAC) stains can give a wide variation of looks. From a solid uniform color to a marbled, variegated, aged or antique appearance.

### **Can the Engrave-A-Crete® process be done indoors?**

Yes. Many operators' major business is interior work.



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**How many people does it take to do the engraving?**

Many times one person can do the entire process, but on certain types of patterns or large projects temporary laborers can be employed to assist in completing the project.

**Can I stop in the middle of a job?**

A major advantage of the Engrave-A-Crete® Systems - most of the time, if you find it necessary to leave a job site during operations, its no problem. If it rains or gets too hot to work - just quit - it won't damage the finished product. Simply return when you are able and start where you left off. This is very important due to things that are beyond your control such as the weather, illness, golfing, or major sporting events! Some phases, like the application of stain or sealer should be finished, but generally, it's no big deal to simply stop work.

**What is the life expectancy of an Engrave-A-Crete® installation?**

Engrave-A-Crete® bricks, tiles and cobblestones are guaranteed to never come loose. How could they? The pattern is cut INTO the concrete. The pattern will last as long as the concrete because it is the concrete.

**Will the Engrave-A-Crete® process withstand the very cold winters where I live?**

The clear sealers help to protect the concrete to make it last longer and withstand the weather better. The process uses moisture barrier but vapor permeable protective clear sealers. By keeping water, salt and deicers out of the concrete it is less likely to spall or delaminate. Machines have been operating successfully for many years in northern States and Canada.

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