

DRYTEK WEAR SURFACE VARIATION

DRYTEK manufactures and markets its products with the highest regard for functionality. Our goal is to provide a product which fulfills the functional demands of each project. Due to multiple elements on any job site variability in the product aesthetics can occur.

The engineered and built-in-at-the-factory functionality of the Drytek product line includes such variables as:

1. Compressive strength
2. Low Alkalinity
3. Water damage stability
4. Abrasion resistance
5. Abuse resistance
6. Weight
7. Sound attenuation

Some of our products are utilized as wear surface materials, whereby they receive direct traffic and are not covered by a floor covering.

When used as a wear surface, Drytek 7400, 9200 and 9400 always receives a topical sealer. This helps to protect the material from potential staining, resists dust and grime build-up, and makes it easier to clean. DRYTEK 7400, 9200 and 9400 provides a good level of abrasion resistance for use in a retail type environment. The product is designed to bond very well to the substrate and is fortified with a high level of essential and unique raw materials which allow it to achieve this excellent bond.

The definition of DRYTEK wear surface materials is based on physical performance characteristics such as compressive strength and abrasion resistance. And, although many find DRYTEK 7400, 9200 or 9400 to be an aesthetically pleasing surface material, it must be noted that DRYTEK does not market a fixed or particular “look”. This is due to the fact that so many variables contribute to the resulting aesthetic which is out of the control of DRYTEK or its applicators. This aesthetic or “look” which is created at each specific jobsite is part of the inherent nature of the product and certainly varies from project to project.

Some of the aesthetics that could be seen in the finished DRYTEK wear surface products are:

1. **Swirling** – This is random and is almost always evident, due to varying jobsite conditions and the raw materials which give DRYTEK its unique physical properties such as low alkalinity, water damage stability, etc.
2. **Surface Texture** – DRYTEK 7400, 9200 and 9400 surface appearance and texture may vary from smooth to a slight texture (orange peel). This is due primarily to environmental conditions such as temperature, air movement, substrate condition and type.
3. **Spotting** – Spots can be noticed in the material from time to time. As with all cements, this is almost impossible avoid as each jobsite presents a separate set of parameters, as noted above.
4. **Micro Cracking** – This can appear when structural building movement is present.

It should be noted that the above-mentioned variation is not evidence of manufacturing defects or applicator error.

DRYTEK does its best to convey to its users that aesthetic variation is inherent, when using DRYTEK as a wear surface topping. In the case that one requires a more monolithic color or appearance, DRYTEK recommends the use of topical treatments, such as tinted sealers.

It should be noted again that DRYTEK’s definition of its wear surface products is based on measurable functional performance characteristics. We know that we can guarantee factory built-in qualities which can be objectively measured in the field. It would be irresponsible and downright impossible for DRYTEK to market and guarantee a consistent aesthetic “look”, based on variables which are far removed from the control of both DRYTEK and its applicators.