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"Suggested Guidelines for Scored and Stained Concrete Floors"

1. The use of pure cement works best, no additives (fly ash, calcium chloride, etc.) 5-sack minimum recommended, of course the drier the slump the better.
2. When troweling, try to get as smooth as possible, DO NOT burn the slab with trowel machine as it will leave dark spots that won't take the stain correctly. Also try to keep the cement as pure as possible, the addition of water to the surface can effect the coloration.
3. Once the slab is finished, scoring can take place as early as the following day and should be done before any framing is done so that the scored lines go under the wall lines. If borders are desired, we will score at the same time we install the stained floors. There are additional charges for borders.
4. Contaminants should be avoided at all cost such as: oils, paints, PVC glue, grease, etc. DO NOT cover the slab with visqueen as it will streak and discolor the concrete permanently. Any contamination in the concrete, is just that, *in the concrete* and will not come out. Take caution not to leave sheet material laying flat on the slab for long periods of time, as this can sometimes discolor due to the concrete curing rate.
5. It is suggested that the staining and first coat of sealer be done when the drywall work is complete and the walls are ready for paint. This step takes approximately five working days with no other activity in the building. We want to be before the painter, cabinets or trim. The final completion of the floors should take place when all subs are 100% complete and the customer is ready to occupy the building. *We are last.*
6. Any patching of chips or gouges should be done with a pure cement mix that is as close to the original mix as possible.
7. Once the building is dried-in, the floors can be covered with a cardboard or paper protection, but caution should be taken because if the protector gets wet it may also cause some coloration problems. Absolutely, DO NOT use duct tape or apply any tape to the concrete itself, only to the paper. **The use of duct tape can streak the concrete permanently.** Regular masking tape is preferred. We recommend covering the floors once they are sealed.
8. If the score lines are to be grouted the lines need to be at least a 1/8" deep to allow enough depth for the grout. This step happens at the final completion of the floor.

This suggested guidelines list is an attempt to help everyone involved with stained concrete floors to understand some of the characteristics of the product and in no way obligates Ashcraft's Decorative Concrete & Supply, LLC as to how the concrete is actually taken care of in the field.