

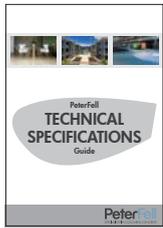


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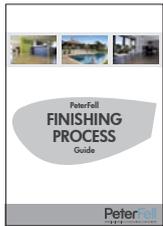
# GENERAL INFORMATION

This General Information Booklet provides an overview of the PeterFell System and is recommended to be read by anybody interested in using this system in their concrete project. For more information, including colour swatches, product information, and photo galleries, please visit our website ([www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz)).

For more detailed information on the PeterFell System, including product information, application instruction, and technical specifications, please refer to the following documents:



The Technical Specifications Guide details all specification requirements for The PeterFell System. It is designed for use by specifiers, architects, designers and project managers. This guide details all aspects of the PeterFell System, including practical and design considerations, to enable successful execution in any project.



The Finishing Process Guide contains full product information and application instruction for the PeterFell Finishing Process - the cleaning, grouting, preparation, and sealing of coloured concrete floors. This guide is essential for all contractors or home handy persons who are using the PeterFell System.

These documents, along with full product information, can be downloaded from our website at

[www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz)

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# Introduction

Since 1992 Peter Fell has been inspiring people with possibilities of decorative concrete. He has successfully destroyed the myth that concrete is grey, cold, and dull by developing the PeterFell System - a tool box of options that utilises coloured concrete and associated products to create beautiful, durable and unique flooring solutions. Within these pages you too will find the options to create the perfect concrete element for your new project and realise that your imagination is the only limit to the possibilities. To see where this journey has taken some of our other customers, we invite you to visit our galleries on our website at [www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz).

Concrete is the most widely used construction material on earth with documented use from 7000 BC - with many of these ancient structures still functional today. This proven durability coupled with its unparalleled versatility, thermal efficiency, and very low maintenance makes concrete the perfect building material for all residential and commercial applications. The PeterFell System provides the tools to allow owners and designers to transform this ubiquitous medium into a truly unique solution.

The PeterFell System is an integral colour system, where a liquid colour is mixed through the concrete. This results in the permanent colouring of the concrete which, unlike surface coatings, will not chip off or wear away. The natural movement and variation inherent in all concrete is enhanced and extended by the PeterFell System, creating stunning and unique floors. This colour movement gives the floors character and style and provides deep rich colour.

The System can be used in all concrete applications, but is most commonly used in hard flooring - from stylish internal floors to pool surrounds, from drives to hard wearing retail surfaces. You can use the same surface design inside and out, making it the perfect medium for creating seamless indoor-outdoor flow. But flooring is just the start - our system has been used in precast wall panels, in situ feature walls, bench tops, hearths and even sprayed concrete for stabilisation of steep banks.

The PeterFell System is not just about colouring concrete but also about giving the right look and feel to the surface. Through the use of different textures and finishes, together with decorative cut patterns and grout colours, a diverse array of design possibilities exist - from sleek and modern to contemporary and warm. The huge variety of combinations created by these simple elements allows the PeterFell System to be customised to meet virtually any design requirements.

For new construction, the PeterFell System offers one of the most cost effective hard flooring solutions. As concrete is present in most new building design anyway, the small price premium paid for the PeterFell System is almost always more cost effective than covering the concrete with another flooring product such as carpet, timber, laminate, or tiles. It also saves time as no further installation is required.

Here at Peter Fell Ltd we have been helping people through their design process for many years. Our staff have vast experience and knowledge, and we encourage you to visit the showroom or call our Customer Services at any stage during your project. While we are only suppliers of the material, we have close relationships throughout the concrete industry and with many contractors, and can make recommendations on the best way forward.

The PeterFell System has fulfilled the dreams of thousands of customers and we will do all we can to ensure your dreams are fulfilled too.

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## A

# Why should I use concrete?

Concrete is one of the oldest and most widely used construction materials, and possess many inherent qualities which can benefit designers, architects, engineers, and most importantly the end user.

The following factors together contribute to make long lasting, low maintenance buildings that are some of the most comfortable to live in and efficient to run.

Durability	Well designed and well placed concrete offers exceptional durability and long life in any structure.
Versatility	Building in concrete provides an extraordinary range of applications and surface finishes, providing the opportunity for architectural expression to go hand in hand with structural integrity. This single medium can be used inside and out, for residential and commercial buildings, and in modern and contemporary designs.
Health and Comfort	Concrete not only provides a structurally sound and aesthetically pleasing construction option, the use of concrete can also contribute to improved occupant health and comfort. For more information on the use of concrete in creating healthful environments please visit <a href="http://www.smarthomes.org.nz">www.smarthomes.org.nz</a> - a government and private sector joint initiative for creating more efficient housing.
Environmentally Friendly	Well designed concrete buildings require less energy and resources to run and maintain (see 'Thermal Efficiency' below). Advances in concrete technology and manufacturing processes mean concrete is now being viewed as a key material in New Zealand's pursuit of sustainable development.  For more information on the environmental impact of concrete please visit <a href="http://www.sustainableconcrete.org.nz">www.sustainableconcrete.org.nz</a> , a concrete industry initiative to reduce the environmental impact of concrete.
Thermal efficiency	Concrete acts as a thermal 'sponge', absorbing heat during the day to help cool a building, and then releasing that heat when the ambient temperature drops at night. With design consideration to improve the capture of solar energy, coupled with the use of insulation, concrete can significantly improve the thermal performance of new buildings and lower energy requirements and costs.
Fire resistance	Concrete provides the best fire resistance of any building material. It cannot catch fire, it does not burn, emit smoke or toxic fumes in the event of a fire.
Acoustic Insulation	Concrete's mass and damping qualities are easily used to achieve good acoustic performance. In concrete buildings, floor and ceiling finishes are rarely dictated by acoustic requirements; these are delivered by the performance of concrete.

Peter Fell Ltd has an established reputation for producing exceptional coloured concrete environments, primarily, but not exclusively, stunning coloured concrete floors. The company has gained the position of market leader through a culture of quality in all aspects of business - we source only the best materials, and our fully trained staff provide full support throughout any project. We strive to be a partner and to do all we can to achieve the desired result for all parties.

Universal Application	The PeterFell System can be used anywhere concrete can. The choice of surface finishes available means the PeterFell System provides hard flooring solutions for virtually all applications from smooth internal surfaces to non-slip pool surrounds.
Simplicity	It's concrete! The PeterFell System can be executed by any competent concrete contractor, with the sealing able to be done by any competent handyperson. There is no need for specialist applicators or complicated machinery.
Permanent Colour	In the PeterFell System the colour is incorporated into the concrete, and is not simply applied to the surface where it is prone to wearing or fading. This results in the permanent colouring of the concrete, no matter what the application.
Complete Solution	Peter Fell Ltd provides all materials required to transform concrete into an aesthetically pleasing, long life, low-maintenance floor. In addition to providing colour, Peter Fell Ltd has an extensive range of products to protect and maintain the concrete in optimal condition.
Cost effective	Compared with other flooring options (i.e. carpet, wood, tiles, and linoleum), the PeterFell System is one of the most cost effective flooring options on the market - especially when the total lifetime cost is considered.  As most new buildings start with concrete, the PeterFell System simply transforms this base element into the final surface, saving time and money.
Large Colour Range	Our range of over 60 colours is New Zealand's largest. This is due to our novel use of liquid oxides to colour the concrete. The liquid colours mix better through the concrete, are easier to handle, and actually slightly increase the strength of the concrete, all of which contribute to better coloured concrete.
Proudly Kiwi	We do not simply buy an overseas system and sell it here - the PeterFell System has been developed in New Zealand utilising thorough research and testing. We only source products from reputable international and local suppliers which can withstand the demands of our unique country.
Service	Above all else, at Peter Fell Ltd we pride ourselves on our customer service. All our staff are fully trained, and ensure all our clients are fully informed on all aspects of the PeterFell System, and are able to make educated decisions. We offer full product information, application instruction, and support for all our products.

The PeterFell System transforms concrete into an aesthetically pleasing, low maintenance living surface. The PeterFell System can be used wherever concrete can, inside or out, residential or commercial, for entire house floors or a simple garden path.



## What is the PeterFell System?

The PeterFell System is a way to colour and protect concrete. Basically, a colour is mixed through concrete, the concrete is poured and the surface texture defined. The concrete is then cut to limit cracking and for decorative effect, the cuts filled with grout, and the concrete is sealed to protect the surface from staining and marking. A job flow chart for the PeterFell System is provided on page 10, for full System specifications refer to the PeterFell Technical Specification Guide or contact Peter Fell Ltd. This booklet provides an overview of the PeterFell System, its uses and applications.



## Where can I use the PeterFell System?

The PeterFell System can be used anywhere concrete can. Some common applications include:

Interior	The PeterFell System can be used to generate high-gloss floors ideal for formal living or simple, clean, low maintenance floors perfect for kitchens or family areas.
Exterior	Low maintenance, slip resistant coloured concrete is ideal for decks, pool surrounds, courtyards, patios, driveways, and paths.
Residential	The PeterFell System provides low cost flooring option for all residential hard flooring requirements, inside and out.
Commercial	The durability of concrete, enhanced by the PeterFell System is perfect for high use commercial applications or stylish retail outlets.



## What does a PeterFell floor look like?

The PeterFell System is typified by the inherent diversity of colour, texture and finish of the concrete. For this reason

Every PeterFell floor is unique.

As the colour is added to the concrete, and subsequently disperses naturally through the concrete,

PeterFell floors display natural variation in colour.

This variation in colour, or 'mottleness', typifies the PeterFell System. This variation is random, and is dependent on a number of factors including the colour, texture, and finish of the floor. All the factors impacting on the final appearance of a PeterFell floor are discussed in this booklet. If you require any additional information or clarification on any points in this booklet, please contact Peter Fell Ltd as we are happy to answer any questions or queries.

## ? Where can I view PeterFell floors?

The PeterFell System is widely used throughout New Zealand by a variety of architects, landscapers, contractors and home owners. The best place to view a gallery of PeterFell floors is on our website at:

[www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz)

To view over 40 PeterFell floors displaying a range of colours, textures and finishes, it is recommended that you visit our Auckland showroom at

Peter Fell Ltd, 81-83 Patiki Road, Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand.

Our showroom is located directly off the Northwestern Motorway, only 8 minutes from downtown Auckland, with ample off street parking. In addition to a large display area, our friendly staff can discuss your flooring requirements and offer expert advice on the use of coloured concrete.

Please visit our website or contact Peter Fell Ltd for further information on our showroom hours.

## ? How much does the PeterFell System cost?

As there are a large number of variables involved, it is difficult to give a single price that covers all possible applications of the PeterFell System. However, as rough rule of thumb, the approximate cost over and above a normal concrete floor is

approximately

\$50 /m<sup>2</sup>

This is an estimate only and covers all products and labour to execute the PeterFell System. This price does not include the cost of the concrete or any associated labour charges for the preparation and laying of the concrete. This cost is designed to provide a cost comparison with other hard flooring options (i.e. carpet, tiles, etc). Please refer to the costing section later in the booklet to understand the different variables in the price and to get a more accurate price indication for your project. For full pricing information please contact Peter Fell Ltd.

## ? What service does Peter Fell Ltd provide?

Peter Fell Ltd provides products and instruction enabling the generation of coloured, cut and sealed concrete floors

Peter Fell Ltd does not provide any concrete or labour.

Peter Fell Ltd provides all materials required to transform concrete into an aesthetically pleasing flooring option. The PeterFell System can be incorporated into any concreting project, no matter how big or small, no matter where in the country you are.

## ? So who does the work?

While Peter Fell Ltd do not provide contractors,

The PeterFell System can be applied by any competent concrete contractor.

Peter Fell Ltd provides full system specifications, instruction and support for applicators and contractors. The PeterFell System is reliant on good concrete placing practice, but does not require any specialist applicators or additional processes. The use of an experienced contractor is recommended. In the Auckland region Peter Fell Ltd can provide a list of contractors, and in other regions contact your local ready mix concrete supplier for contractors.

It is important that full consultation on the PeterFell System is undertaken by all parties prior to the commencement of any work.

Peter Fell Ltd is more than willing to provide full job specification and application instruction, as well as assistance and advice to any architect, specifier, building manager, contractor, applicator, or home owner.

## ? How is the concrete coloured?

The PeterFell System uses an integral colour method - the colour is mixed throughout the concrete. This results in the permanent colouring of concrete, it is not a surface coating and subsequently will not chip off or wear away.

The other common method for colouring concrete is the dry shake method, where a colour (generally a powder oxide) is applied to the surface of freshly placed concrete and trowelled into the surface. This method is limited by the range of powder oxides available, and as the colour is only on the surface it is prone to fading and wear. There are other means of colouring concrete, such as concrete stains, concrete paints and tinted sealers. All of these products are surface coatings, so again are prone to fading, chipping and wear.

## ? Can I use the PeterFell System on my existing concrete?

No - The PeterFell System is designed for use in new concrete only as the colour is mixed through the concrete, not applied to the surface.

However, existing concrete floors can still be cut into various patterns and sealed to protect from staining and marking. For more information on options for improving existing concrete surfaces please contact Peter Fell Ltd.

## ? Where can I purchase PeterFell products?

Peter Fell Ltd products are available nationwide. You can order directly from our Auckland warehouse and the goods are freighted directly to your door. PeterFell products are also available from your concrete supplier. Contact Peter Fell Ltd for details of local concrete supplier, or for product pricing and delivery information.

## PeterFell System Job Flow Chart

### Choose the PeterFell System

Is concrete suitable? Is the PeterFell System suitable?

### Choose a concrete colour

Consult with Peter Fell Ltd to choose a concrete colour.

### Coloured concrete is laid

The texture and finish of the concrete influences the colour, slip resistance, and gloss of the finished floor.

### Concrete is cured

Concrete curing should commence immediately following placement using water only.

### Concrete is cut

Construction (expansion) Cuts are employed to reduce concrete cracking. Later Decorative Cuts are used to generate a pattern on the concrete surface.

### Concrete is protected

The concrete is protected with polythene to prevent staining while it cures.

### Construction/landscaping is completed

All construction and landscaping is completed prior to beginning Finishing Process.

### Clean up

Protective covers are removed, concrete is dried, and any contaminants removed.

### Cuts are grouted

Decorative cuts are filled with PFL Non-Shrink Grout.

### Surface Preparation

Surface laitance (efflorescence) is removed with PFL Surface Preparation and PFL Neutralizer & Cleaner to prepare the concrete for sealing

### Concrete is sealed

Sealer is applied to enhance the colour and protect the concrete surface from staining.

PeterFell Finishing Process

The above chart represents the general job flow of the PeterFell System. The exact procedure will vary for each job depending on the specific project requirements. For full System specifications refer to the 'PeterFell Technical Specifications Guide' or contact Peter Fell Ltd.

# Step 1 Colour the Concrete

Choosing a concrete colour from the wide range available is the first step in the PeterFell System. When choosing a colour, a number of aesthetic and practical considerations need to be taken into account. The colour choice must consider the nature of integral colour that results in a natural and unique coloured floor which cannot be reproduced.

While the supplied colour is always constant, the final appearance of the colour in the concrete will always vary. The major factors to consider when selecting a PeterFell colour are listed on the following page. We strongly recommend visiting our showroom, or contacting your local ready mix concrete plant, to view samples of PeterFell coloured concrete before making any colour decisions.

## ? What colours are available?

The PeterFell colour range consists of over 60 colours. All PeterFell colours are assigned a 3 digit code (our colours do not have names), and are divided into 7 colour categories:

100	Neutral	A neutral palette of colours to complement any environment.
200	Sandstone	A range of colours encompassing the natural elements of sandstone.
300	Terracotta	Traditional terracotta colours are represented in this range.
400	Brown	Encompasses varying brown tones, from light fawns to dark rich chocolates.
500	Stone	Strong colours that capture the natural elements of slate and stone.
600	Charcoal	Classic range of charcoals and greys, the ultimate in minimalistic style.
700	Aqua	A bold range of blues and greens tempered by the natural depth of concrete.

The first digit of the colour conveys the category in which the colour is classified, for example colour 189 is a neutral colour, while colour 673 will be a charcoal colour.

## ? Where can I see the PeterFell colour range?

The full PeterFell colour range is on display at our showroom:

Peter Fell Ltd, 81-83 Patiki Road, Avondale, Auckland, New Zealand.

The PeterFell showroom has over 40 coloured concrete floors to view, all with different textures and sealers. Given the unique colour variation in PeterFell floors it is highly recommended that a PeterFell floor is viewed to get an appreciation of colour variation and the impact of texture and finish on the colour. The staff at Peter Fell Ltd are also able to offer information and advice on the colour range and application.

Outside of Auckland, PeterFell colour samples can be viewed at your local ready mix concrete plant - for a list of these plants and their contact details please visit our website ([www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz)), or contact us direct.

On-line colour swatches are available on our website ([www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz)). The swatches are designed to give a comparison of colour, but it is essential that actual concrete samples are viewed before making a colour choice.

## Concrete Colour Considerations

Concrete	While the composition of all concrete is very similar, the use of different cements, aggregates, or admixtures by different concrete suppliers will impact on the concrete colour. Also, site conditions, placing, and drying of the concrete will also influence the final concrete colour.
Texture	The concrete texture not only determines the surface finish, but will influence the concrete colour. Textured surfaces: The colour typically appears darker and more matt due to the textural refraction of light Smooth surfaces: The colour typically appears lighter, and the floor potentially glossier, due to reflection of light off the surface.
Sealers	ALL concrete floors should be sealed, irrespective of application or function. Sealing protects the concrete from staining and marking, but also enhances the concrete colour. As can be seen on our samples, sealers can change the final appearance of the colour, so it is important the effect of the sealer is taken into account when selecting a concrete colour.
Environment	The situation in which the concrete is being used, and it's surrounding environment will significantly influence the concrete colour - exactly the same as for paint. The amount and type of light reflected on the coloured concrete changes the appearance, as will surrounding decor and furnishings.
Colour Matching	Due to the integral colour method, every PeterFell floor is unique - this means that it is difficult to match existing concrete floors. While exactly the same colour may be used, the above factors mean that there is no guarantee that the two concrete areas will be the same colour. Colour matching is also complicated by the age and condition of the existing concrete.
Photography	It is almost impossible to ascertain the true colour of coloured concrete floors from photographs. Factors such as light, perspective, and image manipulation all alter the appearance of colour in photographs, and they should not be used to choose a concrete colour.
Exposed Aggregate or Ground Concrete	In any concrete where aggregate (stones) are visible, it is the aggregate which will be the predominant aesthetic component. PeterFell colours can be used in exactly the same way as for standard concrete, but the colour will be heavily influenced by the aggregate. Contact PeterFell Ltd for further advice on colouring ground or exposed aggregate floors.

### ? Can I get colour samples?

Yes - Peter Fell Ltd has actual concrete samples, complete with PeterFell Sealers to help with colour selection (see following page for sample details). We offer a service to send up to four colour samples on request to be used for colour matching. It is strongly recommended that prior to a request being made that the full colour boards be viewed at our showroom or at your local ready mixed concrete plant - for a list of plant locations please visit [www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz) or contact us direct.

## PeterFell Colour Samples



## PFL Acrylic Sealer

Durable sealer for application on internal and external concrete floors

- Retains natural colour and finish of coloured concrete.
- Commonly used on internal floors with PFL CoverSeal
- Not for high-use areas or those subject to vehicular traffic (i.e. driveways)

## PFL Glaze Sealer

Highly durable, multi-purpose sealer, ideal for driveways and high-use areas.

- Accentuates the colour in concrete giving a 'wet-look' finish
- Can be used with PFL Anti-Slip to improve grip on smooth concrete surfaces
- When used with PFL Glaze Primer, a similar finish to PFL Acrylic Sealer can be achieved.

Colour samples give an indication of colour only.

- The final concrete colour will be influenced by the placing of the concrete, the environment, and the situation in which the concrete is applied.

Colour Samples do not show variation in colour.

- As samples are cast in moulds they do not display the natural variation in colour typical of the PeterFell System.

Colour samples do not represent the texture or 'finish' of actual concrete.

- As samples are cast in moulds they do not represent the texture and 'finish' of placed concrete, which influence the final concrete colour.

The samples are designed to provide a fair representation of PeterFell colours, however as Peter Fell Ltd has no control over the use of our colours we can offer no colour warranty or guarantee.

The ultimate responsibility for colour selection is that of the end user!

# Step 2 Lay the Concrete

The surface texture is created when the concrete is laid and it is this texture which defines the overall look and feel of the concrete floor. Primarily, the texture will determine the slip resistance of the floor, but will also determine the level of glare, the achievable gloss finish of the floor, and influence the final appearance of the colour.

Good planning of the concrete pour and placement, and proper curing practice, should be employed to minimise and control cracking.

## ? Where do I get concrete from?

There are a number of ready mix concrete suppliers in New Zealand and Peter Fell Ltd supplies colour to ALL of them. For details and locations of your local concrete supplier please visit our website ([www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz)) or contact Peter Fell Ltd.

## ? Who lays coloured concrete?

As PeterFell colour is added to the concrete at the concrete plant, the concrete is laid exactly as for standard concrete, subsequently,

PeterFell coloured concrete can be laid by any competent concrete contractor.

The concrete contractor placer will determine the texture and finish of the concrete. It is recommended that all concrete is laid in accordance with New Zealand Standards (refer to the 'PeterFell Technical Specifications Guide' for further details), with additional reference to the specific finish required.

## ? Will my concrete crack?

As concrete hardens, excess water evaporates causing the concrete to shrink, and so cracks can occur. This issue is well understood and through the proper use of Construction (expansion) Cuts, proper site preparation, and good concrete placing practice the risk can be significantly reduce. But cracks can still occur even with all precautions taken and so for any floor there is a chance it may happen.

For more information on concrete cracking please visit our website ([www.peterfell.co.nz](http://www.peterfell.co.nz)), or the Cement and Concrete Association of New Zealand ([www.ccanz.co.nz](http://www.ccanz.co.nz)), or contact Peter Fell Ltd direct.

## ? How do I protect my concrete during construction/landscaping?

Concrete is a porous substrate, meaning it is easily stained and marked (which is also why sealing later is critical). As the coloured concrete will be the final surface, it must be properly protected from staining and marking during construction and landscaping. Also, as the floor needs to be properly cured before sealing (at least 28 days after laying) it is recommended that

Concrete must be protected with polythene during any construction or landscaping.

Given the durability of concrete it is not so much the physical damage to the slab, but more liquid contaminants causing problems as they can stain and mark. The polythene prevents these contaminants penetrating into concrete. Polythene also helps the concrete cure, maximising it's durability. However, the polythene must also be removed at least one week, preferably longer, prior to sealing to allow the concrete to dry completely (refer to the 'PeterFell Finishing Process Guide' for further information).



## What textures and finishes can I have?

There are a huge range of concrete textures and finishes available, each of which will influence the concrete colour and overall appearance of the floor. The table below outlines the basic types of concrete finishes, for more detailed specifications refer to the 'PeterFell Technical Specifications Guide'. We recommend that all concrete is laid in accordance with New Zealand Standards for Concrete. As the concrete contractor creates the concrete surface;

The desired texture and finish must be clearly communicated to the concrete contractor.

If you are uncertain about any aspect of concrete surfacing we highly recommend that you clarify this with a concrete professional or Peter Fell Ltd prior to the commencement of any work.

### Concrete textures and finishes

Smooth Finish	For a smooth concrete surface, common for most internal floors, the concrete is typically finished with a steel trowel (designated as a U3 finish). For increased durability, primarily for commercial application, the surface is typically finished with a power float. While colour typically appears lighter for smooth finished floors as the light reflects more off the surface, heavy use of a power float can darken the concrete colour.
Non-Slip Finish	Varying degrees of texture can be imparted on the concrete to generate a non-slip surface, applicable for most external applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A light non-slip finish is achieved using a wood or mag float (U2 finish).</li> <li>- For a very rough texture, a broom finish is typically employed (U5/U6 finish).</li> <li>- Texture can be imparted on smooth finish floors by adding non-slip additives to the sealer, or through the use of surfacing agents (see 'Sandstone Finish' below).</li> </ul> Typically, the more textured the surface, the darker the colour will appear.
Exposed aggregate	Typically rounded pebbles are used in this product and these are exposed on the surface of the concrete. This results in a unique pebbled look and 'bumpy' texture, very popular on drives and paths. The colour will be strongly influenced by the aggregate.
Ground or polished concrete	Grinding is the process where the surface of the concrete is mechanically removed, generating a very flat surface and revealing the aggregate profile. Polishing is simply a higher quality grind involving multiple (up to 12) passes over a floor using successively finer grinds (analogous to using reducing 'grit' of sandpaper). The colour in these finishes is strongly influenced by the aggregate, and typically appears darker.
Sandstone Finish	Hardened concrete is treated with a concentrated acidic solution (PFL Surface Preparation) to break down the surface, exposing sand in concrete fines. This generates a unique look and texture similar to that of sandstone. This finish should be executed by an experienced contractor familiar with the process. The colour appearance will be significantly altered, typically becoming darker and more intense.

For more information on concrete textures and finishes refer to the 'PeterFell Technical Specifications Guide'

# Step 3 Cut the Concrete

Cutting is essential in controlling concrete cracking, but in the PeterFell System cutting is also used as an aesthetic tool to add visual interest to concrete flooring.

## ? Do I have to cut my concrete?

Absolutely - all concrete must be cut to reduce the chance of cracking as the concrete dries. These cuts are called Construction Cuts (also called Construction joints, Expansion Cuts, or Expansion joints) and are typically 3 mm wide and one third the depth of the concrete.

Construction Cuts are essential in all concrete floors.

These cuts must be correctly positioned and executed within 24 hours of the concrete being poured, or there is a significant risk of concrete cracking (unless other jointing methods are employed). It is essential that the placement of construction cuts is determined prior to commencement of any concrete work.

In the PeterFell System the Construction Cuts are complemented with additional cuts, called Decorative Cuts. Cutting occurs by the same process as for the Construction cuts, but using a wider saw blade (typically 10 - 12 mm) and they are not so deep, only 10 mm approx.

Decorative Cuts are used to generate a pattern in the concrete.

Decorative cuts serve no structural role and are simply used where desired to generate a unique pattern for aesthetic purposes. But they must incorporate the construction cuts into the pattern.

## ? What size cuts can I have?

One of the benefits of the PeterFell System is the ability to customise the size and shape of the cut pattern. The only limitation on the cut pattern is the placement of the Construction Cuts. All other cuts can be placed wherever required to generate any desired pattern. Contact Peter Fell Ltd for further advice on the use of decorative cuts.

## ? Who does the cutting?

All cutting in the PeterFell System can be conducted by any competent concrete cutter, usually arranged by the concrete contractor. Construction cuts are executed as for any standard concrete work.

## ? What are the cuts filled with?

All decorative cuts should be filled with **PFL Non-Shrink Grout**. PFL Non-Shrink Grout is a specially designed shrinkage-compensated grout with excellent substrate adhesion, is non-corrosive, non-toxic, and impact resistant. It is recommended that grouting is conducted using a **PFL Grout Gun** (it can also be applied by trowel, providing cuts are lined with **PFL Grout Tape**) to stop contamination of the area next to the cut.

## ? What colours does PFL Non-Shrink Grout come in?

PFL Non-Shrink Grout can be coloured using any colour from the PeterFell colour range. Most commonly, the concrete colour is also used as the grout colour. As PFL Non-Shrink Grout has a slightly darker base colour than concrete, it will also appear darker when oxide is used in the grout, offering a subtle contrast. However a lighter or darker colour can also be used for a contrast, or the grout can be left in its natural colour.

# Step 4 Seal the Concrete

All concrete surfaces should be sealed. The sealer prolongs the life of the concrete colour, and protects the concrete from staining and marking. The sealer also determines the final look and finish of the floor. A range of sealers are available from Peter Fell Ltd to suit any project.

## ? Do I need to seal my concrete?

Yes - sealing is essential to enhance and protect coloured concrete. Sealing will determine the final appearance, both colour and texture, of the concrete. Sealing stops 'dusting' (efflorescence) forming on the concrete surface which masks the concrete colour (often mistaken for colour fading), maintaining the true colour. More importantly, sealing protects the concrete from staining and marking, an essential aspect of any flooring system.

## ? How do I seal my concrete?

All concrete surfaces can be sealed by following the PeterFell Finishing Process - the final steps in the PeterFell System. This process is outlined below and includes the grouting of cuts, surface preparation, and sealing of the concrete. For full product and application instructions refer to the 'PeterFell Finishing Process Guide' or contact Peter Fell Ltd.

### The PeterFell Finishing Process

#### Clean up

Protective covers are removed, concrete is dried, and any contaminants removed.

#### Grouting

Decorative cuts are filled with PFL Non-Shrink Grout.

#### Surface Preparation

Surface laitance (efflorescence) is removed with PFL Surface Preparation and PFL Neutralizer & Cleaner to prepare the concrete for sealing

#### Sealing

Sealer is applied to enhance the colour and protect the concrete surface from staining.

## ? Can I seal the concrete myself?

Yes - concrete can be prepared and sealed by any competent handyperson. All required products and full application instructions (the 'PeterFell Finishing Process Guide') are available from Peter Fell Ltd.

### ? Do I have to 'acid etch' my floor before sealing?

Yes - the floor must be treated with either PFL Surface Preparation or PFL Eco Surface Preparation prior to application of the sealer. These remove surface laitance (efflorescence) present on the surface of new concrete, which no other method will do effectively. If this laitance is not correctly removed the sealer will not be able to adhere correctly to the concrete surface, resulting in the delamination of the sealer.

### ? Will PFL Surface Preparation change the appearance of my concrete?

PFL Surface Preparation removes surface contamination (laitance) and subsequently acts to reveal the 'true' colour and finish of the floor. This standard application (mild etch) is essential in the preparation of the floor for sealing, and will not alter the inherent floor characteristic.

However, PFL Surface Preparation can be used to alter both the texture and finish of the floor by adjusting solution strength and treatment time. It is essential that PFL Surface Preparation is correctly diluted and that a test area is completed to ensure dilution is appropriate for the intended application. The table below gives an indication of the effects of different dilution effects of PFL Surface Preparation or PFL Eco Surface Preparation. For full product information and application instructions refer to the 'PeterFell Finishing Guide' or contact Peter Fell Ltd.

#### Use of different PFL Surface Preparation strengths

Mild etch	Recommended for preparation of internal floors, or areas with minimal surface laitance. Will not significantly alter the texture and colour of the floor.
Medium etch	Recommended for preparation of external surfaces, or areas with significant surface laitance. Prolonged treatment exposes sand (and eventually aggregate), increasing surface texture and change the concrete appearance.
Heavy etch	Recommended only when heavy exposure or Sandstone Finish (see pg 15) of concrete surface is required. Will significantly alter the appearance and texture of the concrete - proceed with caution!

### ? What do I seal my concrete with?

Peter Fell Ltd has range of sealers and associated products (outlined over page) designed specifically for use on concrete floors. PeterFell sealers are manufactured to the highest standards, and have a proven record of durability and longevity. Each PeterFell sealer has different properties and will be suited for specific applications.

The sealer selected must be suitable for the intended application.

Refer to the chart on page 20 of this booklet to determine which PeterFell sealer is suitable for your application, or for assistance in selecting the correct sealer please contact Peter Fell Ltd.

## PeterFell Sealer Range

PFL Acrylic Sealer	<p>PFL Acrylic Sealer is a durable sealer designed for application on internal and external concrete floors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Retains natural colour and finish of coloured concrete</li> <li>- Commonly used on internal floors with PFL CoverSeal</li> <li>- Not for high use areas or those subject to vehicular traffic i.e. driveways</li> </ul>
PFL Glaze Sealer	<p>PFL Glaze Sealer is a highly durable, multi-purpose sealer, ideal for driveways and high-use areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accentuates the colour in concrete giving a 'wet look' finish</li> <li>- Can be used with PFL Anti-Slip to improve grip on smooth concrete surfaces</li> <li>- Can be used with PFL Glaze Primer to achieve a natural finish, similar finish to that of PFL Acrylic Seal, with the advantage of PFL Anti-Slip.</li> </ul>

In addition to these two sealers, Peter Fell Ltd has the following sealer related products:

PFL Glaze Primer	<p>PFL Glaze Primer is used to prime concrete surfaces prior to application of PFL Glaze Sealer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enables natural colour finish with PFL Anti-Slip.</li> <li>- NOT for high use areas or those subject to vehicular traffic i.e. driveways</li> </ul>
PFL CoverSeal	<p>PFL CoverSeal must be applied to all internal sealer floors. It is a water based, high gloss, anti-scuff, stain repellent floor polish for use on interior sealed PeterFell coloured concrete floors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can be applied over both PFL Acrylic and PFL Glaze sealers.</li> </ul>
PFL Anti-Slip	<p>PFL Anti-Slip can be added to PFL Glaze Sealer to provide improved texture and grip to smoothly finished concrete surfaces.</p>

### ? What is PFL CoverSeal?

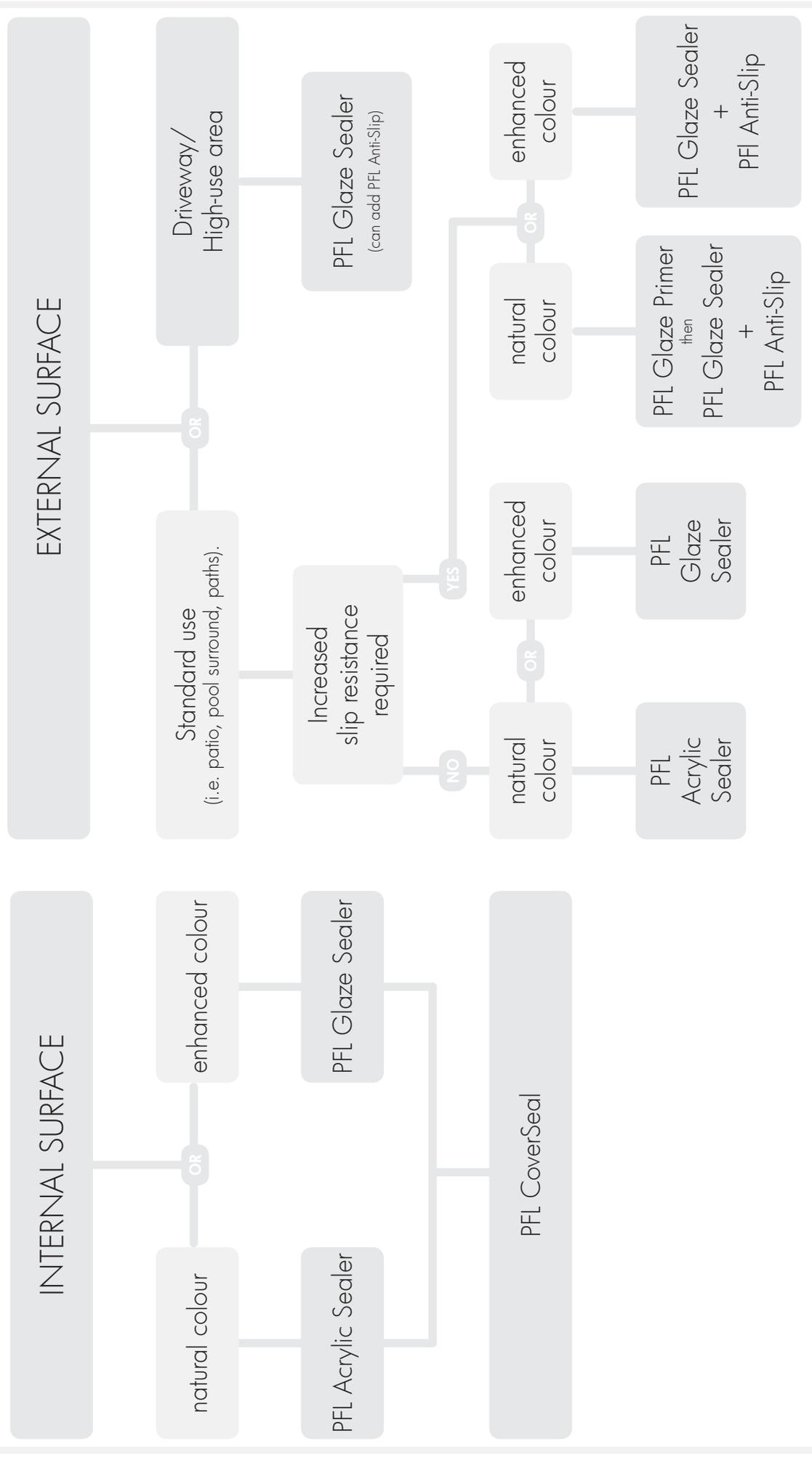
PFL CoverSeal is a high gloss, slip resistant floor treatment for use over PeterFell Sealers on all internal PeterFell floors, significantly reducing maintenance and prolonging sealer life. PFL CoverSeal contains anti-scuff and stain repellent components to reduce surface marking, maintain gloss levels, and softens the look and feel of the concrete surface. It protects the sealer from staining and marking, as well as increasing slip resistance on internal sealed floors.

PFL CoverSeal must be applied to all PeterFell internal sealed floors.

### ? How long does the sealer last?

No concrete sealer will last forever. The floor life of the sealer is very much dependent on preparation and application of the sealer. For typical application PeterFell sealers have a floor life of approximately 3 - 5 years. This is a guide only and is not guaranteed as in-service life of the sealer is very much dependent on preparation and application of the sealer, and use, which are beyond the control of Peter Fell Ltd. The floor life of internal sealed floors is significantly prolonged through use of PFL CoverSeal. All PeterFell sealers can easily be re-applied to provide ongoing protection of the concrete surface.

# Which PeterFell Sealer do I use?



For assistance in selecting the appropriate sealer for the intended application please contact Peter Fell Ltd.

The PeterFell System requires minimal on-going maintenance. However, there are several processes that should be followed to maintain your concrete floor in optimal condition.



## How do I keep my internal concrete floor clean?

Once the floor is sealed and treated with **PFL CoverSeal** very little maintenance is required. PFL CoverSeal contains anti-scruff and stain repellent components to reduce surface marking. It also acts to maintain gloss levels on internal surfaces. As PFL CoverSeal acts as a sacrificial coating to protect the floor over the sealer, PFL CoverSeal must be re-applied to internal floors twice a year, subject to wear rate.

All internal floors can be cleaned with **PFL Neutralizer & Cleaner** using a cloth or mop. For full product information and application instructions refer to the PeterFell Finishing Process Guide or contact Peter Fell Ltd.

Do not use ammonia or amine containing cleaners or detergents.

These detergents are very harsh and will cause irreparable damage to PFL CoverSeal (and other PFL Sealers), necessitating sealer re-application to restore gloss and finish to the floor.



## How do I keep my external concrete clean?

Once the concrete is sealed very little maintenance is required. The area can be cleaned by hosing or water blasting. Any spills or contaminants should be cleaned with **PFL Neutralizer & Cleaner** using a mop or yard broom. For full product information and application instructions refer to the PeterFell Finishing Process Guide or contact Peter Fell Ltd.



## How do I clean moss and algae off my concrete?

Moss, lichen and algae can be removed from concrete surfaces using **PFL Algaecide**. PFL Algaecide is designed to kill moss, lichen, and algae, making it a more effective method of removing these contaminants than water blasting or cleaning alone. In targeting these organisms directly, it will also delay their return, reducing ongoing maintenance.

While PFL Algaecide is designed to eliminate living moss, lichen and algae, it will NOT remove dead organisms. These are generally distinguishable as black surface contamination (as opposed to green contamination characteristic of living organism), and can only be removed by water blasting or cleaning as described above. For full product information and application instructions refer to the PeterFell Finishing Process Guide or contact Peter Fell Ltd.



## How do I re-seal my concrete?

If the concrete surface looks 'tired' and worn, it can easily be rejuvenated by re-sealing - simply clean and apply the appropriate sealer over the existing coating. The surface must first be thoroughly cleaned (using PFL Neutralizer & Cleaner), and all loose debris, contaminants, stains and marks removed. There is no need to treat with PFL Surface Preparation or PFL Eco Surface Preparation prior to re-sealing. For full product information and application instructions refer to the PeterFell Finishing Process Guide or contact Peter Fell Ltd.

As the PeterFell System can be used in a wide range of applications it is impossible to offer a single price that covers all possible projects. While the PeterFell System is dependent on the use of concrete, as we do not supply or place any concrete we are unable to give any pricing on this process. It is recommended that your local concrete supplier or concrete contractor is contacted for price details specific to your project. With the information and pricing on concrete and associated labour costs, Peter Fell Ltd will be able to give an accurate costing on all other materials.

For budgeting purposes we estimate that for a standard project, the PeterFell System costs approximately \$50 per m<sup>2</sup> above the cost of the concrete. This cost will vary depending on the type, size and location of the project. Below is an approximate breakdown of this price estimate to give you an idea of the pricing structure. Again, for accurate pricing for your project, or further information on product requirements and pricing, please contact Peter Fell Ltd.

## Step 1 Colour the Concrete

PFL Special Colours are specifically dosed for each job dependent on colour and concrete type. Price is estimated on standard dose in standard concrete.

approx  
\$12 - 16 m<sup>2</sup>

## Step 2 Lay the Concrete

Concrete requirements i.e. type and strength of concrete, site preparation, and laying, are very project specific. As Peter Fell Ltd does not provide any concrete or labour it is recommended that a concrete supplier or concrete contractor is contacted for price information.

n/a

## Step 3 Cut the Concrete

Cutting is simply charged per meter, and subsequent cost is directly related to total amount of cuts. Contact concrete cutter for current rates (estimate given).

approx  
\$5 - 7 m

## Step 4 Seal the Concrete

The 'PeterFell Finishing Process Guide' encompasses the grouting of cuts, clean up, surface preparation, and sealing of the concrete. The price given is a cost estimate for this process including labour and all materials. This cost will be greatly reduced if the work is conducted DIY.

approx  
\$20 - 30 m<sup>2</sup>

The above are price estimates only.

For full pricing information contact Peter Fell Ltd.

For full product information, application instruction, and pricing contact Peter Fell Ltd.

## Colour

PFL Special Colours	PFL Special Colours are liquid oxide colours for the integral colouring of concrete in the PeterFell System.
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## Grouting Products

PFL Non-Shrink Grout	PFL Non-Shrink Grout is a shrinkage compensated cementitious grout designed for decorative grouting in the PeterFell System.
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PFL Grout Gun	PFL Grout Gun is designed for delivery of PFL Non-Shrink Grout into Decorative Cuts in the PeterFell System
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PFL Grout Tape	PFL Grout Tape is used when grouting decorative cuts in the PeterFell System.
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## Surface Preparation Products

PFL Surface Preparation	PFL Surface Preparation is a traditional etching solution used to prepare concrete surfaces for sealing.
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PFL Eco Surface Preparation	PFL Eco Surface Preparation is an environmentally friendly, less corrosive alternative to traditional etching products used to prepare concrete surfaces for sealing.
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## Sealers

PFL Acrylic Sealer	PFL Acrylic Sealer is a durable sealer designed for application on internal and external concrete floors.
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PFL Glaze Sealer	PFL Glaze Sealer is a highly durable, multi-purpose sealer, ideal for driveways and high-use areas.
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## Sealer Related Products

PFL Glaze Primer	PFL Glaze Primer is used to prime concrete surfaces prior to application of PFL Glaze Sealer where a more natural colour is desired.
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PFL CoverSeal	PFL CoverSeal is a water based, high gloss, anti-scuff, stain repellent floor treatment for use on interior sealed PeterFell coloured concrete floors.
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PFL Anti-Slip	PFL Anti-Slip can be added to PFL Glaze Sealer to provide improved texture and grip to smoothly finished concrete surfaces.
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PFL Broom	PFL Brooms are perfect for application of PFL Sealers on exterior surfaces.
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## Cleaning and Maintenance Products

PFL Neutralizer & Cleaner	PFL Neutralizer & Cleaner is a biodegradable cleaner designed to neutralize PFL Surface Preparation and for the general cleaning of concrete surfaces.
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PFL Algaecide	PFL Algaecide is used to remove algae, moss, and lichen from concrete surfaces without the need for water blasting.
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