



DESCRIPTION:

Antiquing Gel is a water-based, tinted, semi-transparent, acrylic emulsion for staining, sealing, and protecting concrete, masonry, and other cementitious substrates. Antiquing Gel is specifically designed for use with Select Finishes and Mer-Ko Decorative Coatings, providing an old world, antique effect. It penetrates into the substrate forming a low sheen coating that is both decorative and protective. Antiquing Gel is permeable to water vapor and resistant to blistering.

USES:

Antiquing Gel is a decorative and protective coating for Select Finishes, Mer-Ko Decorative Coatings cast-in-place or precast concrete, portland cement plaster, stucco, concrete, and brick masonry.

PROPERTIES:

- Excellent adhesion
- Suitable for a variety of substrates
- Allows for easily achieved, sophisticated effects
- Allows for easy correction
- Suitable for interior and exterior application
- Easy to apply
- Low VOC
- Long-term durability and performance

CONTAINER:

- 1 quart, 1 gallon and 5 gallon pails
- Storage: Protect from direct sunlight and freezing at all times.
 - Do not stack pails more than 3 pails high
 - Shelf Life: One year if properly stored in original unopened container.

COVERAGE:

- Coverage will vary depending on surface texture and porosity.
- Approximately 200 - 250 sq ft. per gallon.

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COLOR:

Available in 12 standard colors.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

- Surfaces must be structurally sound, clean, dry, and free from grease, oil, dirt, curing compounds, sealers, silicone treatment, or any contaminant that would prevent a good bond.
- Pressure washing at 3000 psi is the best surface preparation method prior to staining or painting weathered cementitious surfaces.
- New portland cement based stucco, concrete and masonry surfaces must be fully cured with a surface pH below 9.
- Polished or glossy concrete should be etched or slightly sand blasted to open the surface.

MIXING:

Read the entire label before using this product.

Gently stir Antiquing Gel for 1-2 minutes prior to application. Can be diluted up to 1:1 ratio with water.

APPLICATION:

Parex USA recommends that the project owner or designer approve a job site mock-up of the application of this product. The mock-up should demonstrate the products' appearance under the conditions given by the project specification(s).

Apply Antiquing Gel to the properly prepared surface using a sponge, brush, roller, spray or other appropriate stain applicator. Distribute and disperse Antiquing Gel by backwash with a wet sponge, removing or retaining the desired amount of Antiquing Gel. Many coloring techniques and effects can be used to achieve the desired results. Antiquing Gel, like other stains has the tendency to lap on dry, hot or very porous surfaces. To minimize lapping:

- Do not stain in direct sun or on a hot surface
- Always apply stain maintaining a wet edge.
- Apply the stain in very thin films
- Use two coats on badly weathered concrete
- Apply a second coat when lap marks appear on the first coat
- For horizontal Wearing applications, the Antiquing gel must be diluted and applied with a wet sponge.

CLEAN-UP:

Clean tools with clean water before Antiquing Gel dries on surface.

LIMITATIONS:

- Do not use on glazed, very dense surfaces or over ceramics.
- Use only on surfaces that are sound, clean, dry and free from any residue that might affect the ability of this product to bond to the surface.

- Antiquing Gel material should not be installed if the surface and ambient temperature is below 40°F (4.4°C) or above 120°F (48°C). Provide supplemental heat and protection from precipitation as needed.
- Do not install exterior applications in damp weather or when rain is expected within 24 hours.
- Application in direct sunlight in hot weather may adversely affect aesthetics.
- Once Antiquing Gel has been applied it cannot be completely removed. Begin staining lightly to determine desired look. If darker shade is desired, add more Antiquing Gel.
- Protect all finished surfaces that are not intended to receive the Antiquing Gel.
- Use extra caution in protecting surfaces not to be coated when using spray application methods. Windy conditions or overspray can damage surrounding surfaces.
- Always wear proper safety equipment, including particle mask, eye protection and gloves when mixing and/or applying this product.
- In case of contact with eyes, flush with clean water and seek medical attention if irritation persists.
- Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners. Antiquing Gel can be cleaned with a soap and water solution followed by a warm water rinse.
- When Antiquing Gel is use over Mer-Ko decorative coatings, Mer-Ko's WBV sealer is recommended. Do not use Mer-Thane clear sealer over Antiquing Gel.
- When installing on a horizontal surface, over time, surface wear will diminish the coloring provided by the antiquing gel.

WARNING:

- Read complete warning information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-800-424-9300.
- For more information on handling this product refer to its Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). The most current MSDS and Product Data Sheet (PDS) can be found on our website.
- This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about the guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, Parex USA, Inc. cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.



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