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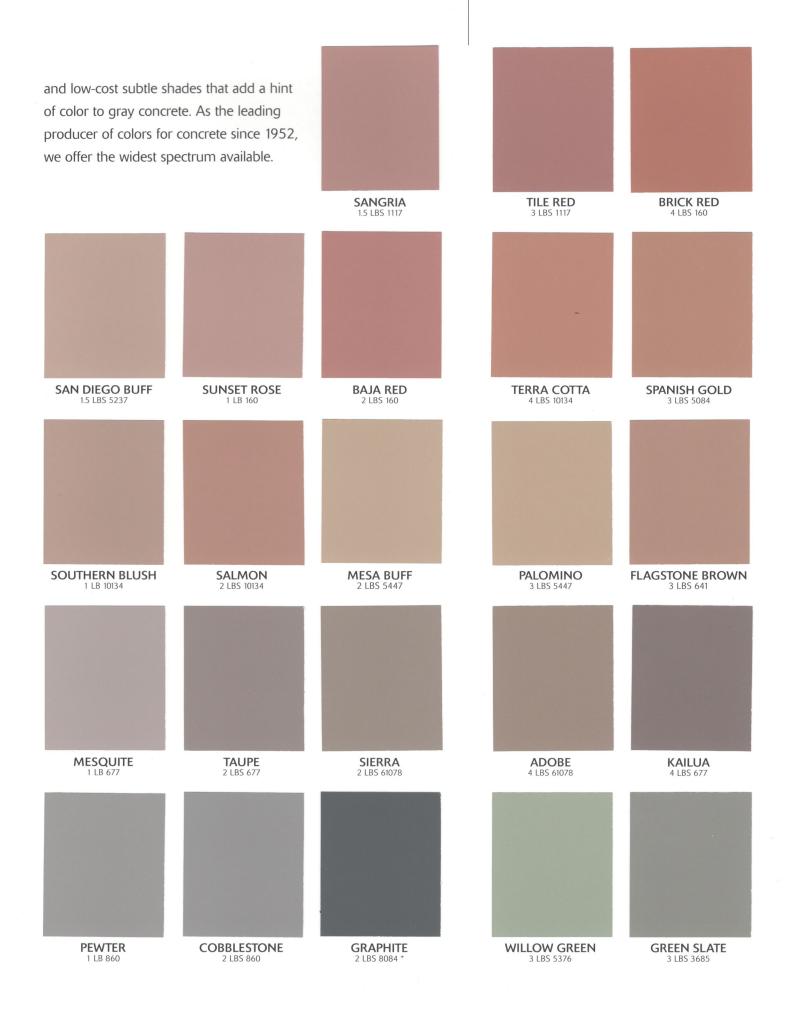
## COLORS FOR CONCRETE

Davis Colors<sup>™</sup> mix into any concrete, transforming it into a new design feature for building and paving projects or to enhance appearance around the home. Davis Colors<sup>™</sup> are strong, durable and last as long as the concrete. Installation is cleaner and

easier than toppings, stains or coatings and requires less labor. There are bold and intense premium colors, standard colors that make an attractive upgrade for any project,



## COLOR GROUP: PREMIUM



### MIX-IN COLORS FOR CONCRETE

**Uses:** Davis Colors are used in cast-in-place, slab-on-grade, precast, tilt-up and decorative concrete; shotcrete, mortar, concrete masonry units, pavers, retaining wall units and rooftile. They can also be used to color cast stone, plaster, stucco and other cement-based construction materials. Designed for mix-in use only, they should not be sprinkled or dusted onto the concrete surface.

**Ingredients:** Pure, concentrated pigments made of high-quality metal oxides recycled from iron or refined from the earth and specially processed for mixing into concrete. Davis Colors comply with ASTM *C979 Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete*. They are lightfast, alkali-resistant, weather-resistant, durable and long-lasting like concrete. Davis Colors are available in a wide spectrum of standard colors and can be custom formulated to match design requirements. \*Unlike other Davis Colors, Supra-Instant<sup>®</sup> black #8084 is a specially treated carbon black. Carbon black is the highest in tint strength and the most economical, but can fade if concrete is not sealed against water penetration. Sealing and periodic re-sealing can minimize this effect.

**Packaging:** Concrete suppliers use our Mix-Ready<sup>®</sup> disintegrating bags or Chameleon<sup>®</sup> bulk handling system. The Chameleon<sup>®</sup> is a computer-controlled automatic color dosing system used by concrete producers. Mix-Ready<sup>®</sup> bags are tossed into the mix without opening or pouring. They disintegrate under mixing action, releasing pigments to disperse uniformly leaving no bags to litter the environment.

**Installation:** Integrally colored concrete is installed the same way as high quality uncolored concrete. Choose a color on the inside of this color card and specify it by name and color number. Create a custom color by varying the amount of color added to the mix. Confirm desired color with a fully-cured job-site test panel. Dry color dose rates range from 1/2 to 7 lbs. per 94 lbs. of cement content and should never exceed 10% of cement content. (Liquid dose rates are higher). Cement content includes portland cement, fly ash, silica fume, lime and other cementitious materials but does not include aggregate or sand. Davis Colors have been used successfully in a wide variety of mix designs and are compatible with commercially available admixtures. The only known incompatibility is with calcium chloride set accelerator which causes blotching and discoloration. \*Supra-Instant<sup>®</sup> black #8084 reduces or negates the effect of air-entraining admixtures.

**Finishes:** Paving and floors can be finished with pattern-stamped, broomed, troweled, exposed aggregate, salt-finished, sand-blasted, diamond-polishing or many other visually appealing textures. Cast-inplace, precast and tilt-up structures can be textured with sand-blasting, bushhammering, grinding, polishing, special forms or form liners. The combinations and possibilities are endless. Here are just a few:



**Curing & Sealing:** W-1000 Clear<sup>TM</sup> is a non-clouding, spray-on cure and sealer that meets or exceeds ASTM C309 standards and is specially formulated for colored concrete and exposed aggregate finishes. Other curing methods, such as water curing or plastic sheets cause discoloration. Color Seal<sup>TM</sup> is an optional, thin-film sealer that's tinted to match the shades on this Color Selector. When applied over colored concrete or the W-1000 Clear<sup>TM</sup>, it provides a more uniform appearance.

**Quality Tips:** For best results; materials, curing, weather conditions and workmanship should be uniform throughout a project. Quality starts with the concrete mix; use a low water-content, high-performance mix design. When planning a project, budget for craftsmanship.

**Consumer Advice:** Contractors are independently owned and operated without affiliation to Davis Colors. Choose a licensed and qualified contractor who provides written information and example projects you can see before you buy. Check the yellow pages, ask your local ready mix or building material dealer or visit www.concreteconnection.com to find contractors who specialize in colored concrete.

**Specify Davis:** Choose a color from this color selector and specify it by name and color number. Add color call-out to plan documents or specifications. For complete architectural and guide spec information, visit our web site, refer to our architectural binder, call, fax or write. Our guide specifications can be found in SweetSource<sup>®</sup>, Spec-Data<sup>®</sup>, ARCAT/Spec-Disk<sup>®</sup> or at www.daviscolors.com/specs.

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#### Mixing Guide:

Use the same pigment-to-cement ratio, type and brand of cement and aggregates throughout project. Changes in cement and aggregate color affect final color.

Keep slump less than 5" (12.5 cm) and water content consistent. High water content causes concrete to appear pale or "faded". If higher slump is required, use a water reducing admixture instead of added water.

Calcium Chloride set-accelerator causes discoloration; Do not use with color.

Specify air content of 5% to 7% for improved workability and long term durability in freeze/thaw climates.

Schedule loads for consistent mix times. Deliver and discharge in less than 1-1/2 hours. Clean mixer thoroughly between color change-overs.

Confirm color number and weight in Mix-Ready<sup>®</sup> bag (or combination of bags) is the same required by mix design. Wet mixer with 1/2 to 2/3 total batch water. Toss in Mix-Ready<sup>®</sup> bags and mix at charging speed for at least one minute. Add cement, aggregate and remaining batch water. Continue mixing at charging speed for at least 5 minutes (7 minutes for pea-gravel mixes).

Notice: In mixes with small aggregate or batches with short mixing duration, Mix-Ready<sup>®</sup> bags may not completely disintegrate. In sand-blasted or exposed aggregate finishes, use small bag-sizes (15 lbs. maximum) or open bag and pour color normally.

The Chameleon<sup>®</sup> is a computer-controlled color dosing system for Ready Mix operators exclusively from Davis. It improves color accuracy and availability. Chameleon<sup>®</sup> dose rates differ from the rates on front of this card. For more information, go to www.daviscolors.com/chameleon.

#### **Contractor's Guide:**

Prepare a well-drained subgrade. Add a 2 to 3 inch (50 to 75 mm) layer of sand, gravel or crushed stone. Uniformly compact the subgrade and moisten evenly, leaving no puddles, standing water, ice, frost, or muddy areas.

If vapor barrier is used, overlap sheets and tape over holes in barrier. Place a 3" (75mm) layer of granular self-draining compactible fill over the barrier to minimize shrinkage cracking. Position forms for uniform slab thickness. Follow American Concrete Institute standards for reinforcement and joint placement to control cracking.

Allow ample time and manpower for placement and finish work. Finish evenly and with care.

Begin troweling after bleed water evaporates. Late or hard troweling and edging causes "burns" or dark spots. Water added at job-site to mixer or pumps will cause color to pale. Keep additions to a minimum and consistent among loads. Don't wet finishing tools or brooms or sprinkle water on the surface.

Do not sprinkle pigment or cement onto the surface. Rotary, dry-broom, pattern stamped or rough finishes usually cure more even-colored than smooth-troweled finishes. Uneven curing=uneven drying=uneven color. Cure colored

concrete with Davis W-1000 Clear<sup>™</sup> cure and seal. (info at: www.daviscolors.com/literature)

Do not use plastic sheets, water curing or curing products which discolor. Wood and other objects left on curing concrete cause discoloration.

Efflorescence is a white powdery substance that appears on concrete surfaces. A result of water evaporation, it is more noticeable on colored surfaces making them look faded or lighter in color when not cleaned off. Proper curing and protection against water penetration reduces tendency for efflorescence to occur. Remove with detergent or mild-acid cleaners formulated to remove efflorescence. Follow cleaner instructions and test in a small area to make sure cleaner will not etch or discolor the surface. Wear rubber gloves and eye protection.



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**COLOR HARDENER** is an engineered blend of pigments, portland cement, and fine aggregates used to color the surface of newly placed concrete. Color Hardener is designed to work with imprinting tools to produce clear, sharp impressions that enhance the finished appearance of any new hardscape. Color Hardener can be used to create opaque finishes or as a complementary color to integrally colored concrete. Color Hardener is available in 42 standard colors and has an approximate coverage rate of 90-120 ft2 per 60 lb. bucket. Coverage rate will vary depending on timing, color, and application technique.

**ANTIQUE RELEASE** is a hydrophobic powder that imparts color while serving as a bond breaker for stamping. It is made from a finely ground formula that creates beautifully antiqued concrete surfaces. During the stamping process, Antique Release is pressed into the concrete surface, creating a secondary coloring effect once washed off and sealed. Antique Release is available in 42 standard colors and has a coverage rate of 800-1000 ft<sup>2</sup> per 30 lb. bucket.

**ANTIQUE-IT** is a water-soluble antiquing agent designed to impart a secondary color or to highlight stamped concrete or textured overlays. Antique-It is easy to apply, dries fast, and provides a durable color that closely resembles the look of Antique Release. Use Antique-It on newly placed hardened concrete or to rejuvenate old stamped concrete. Antique-It is available in 42 standard colors and has a coverage rate of 2000-3000 ft<sup>2</sup> per 3 lb. bucket.

**CEM-COAT**<sup>®</sup> is an opaque, high-strength, UV-resistant, cement-based concrete coating. Cem-Coat is perfect for any unsealed concrete surface that needs to be colored or re-colored. Cem-Coat offers a resurfacing solution that is durable and provides consistent coloring. Whether a solid color, antiqued, or an artistic colored surface, Cem-Coat offers versatility in applications and final outcomes. Coverage Rate is 350-420 ft<sup>2</sup> per kit.

**OVERLAY LIQUID COLORANT** is an engineered blend of color admixtures designed for Brickform Stampable Overlay, Micro-Topping, and SM Professional Grade<sup>®</sup> product lines. Overlay Liguid Colorant is UV-resistant and manufactured to strict standards to ensure color uniformity and consistency. Overlay Liquid Colorants are non-hazardous water-based formulations, providing easy clean up and no-hassle shipping. Overlay Liquid Colorants come in cases of 6, 10 oz. bottles. Coverage Rate is one 10 oz. bottle per bag of overlay.

TINTA' SEAL is a color tint pack additive for solvent-based sealers. Tinta' Seal can enhance and correct the color of existing cementitious surfaces such as integral colored concrete, stamped concrete, overlays, or plain concrete. It is packaged in a 16 oz. container that is mixed onsite with a 5 gallon pail of either Gem-Seal, Poly-Seal, or Gem-Cure & Seal.

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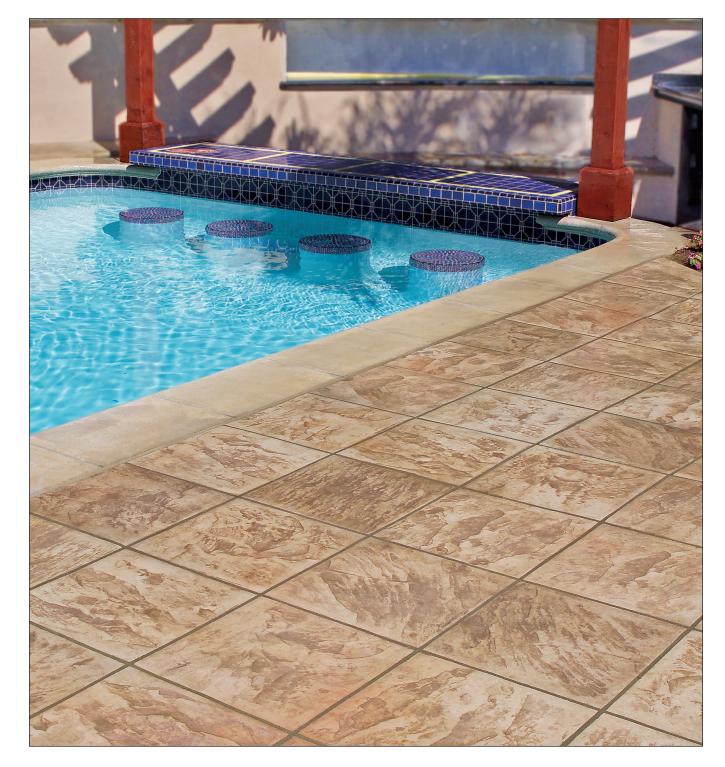
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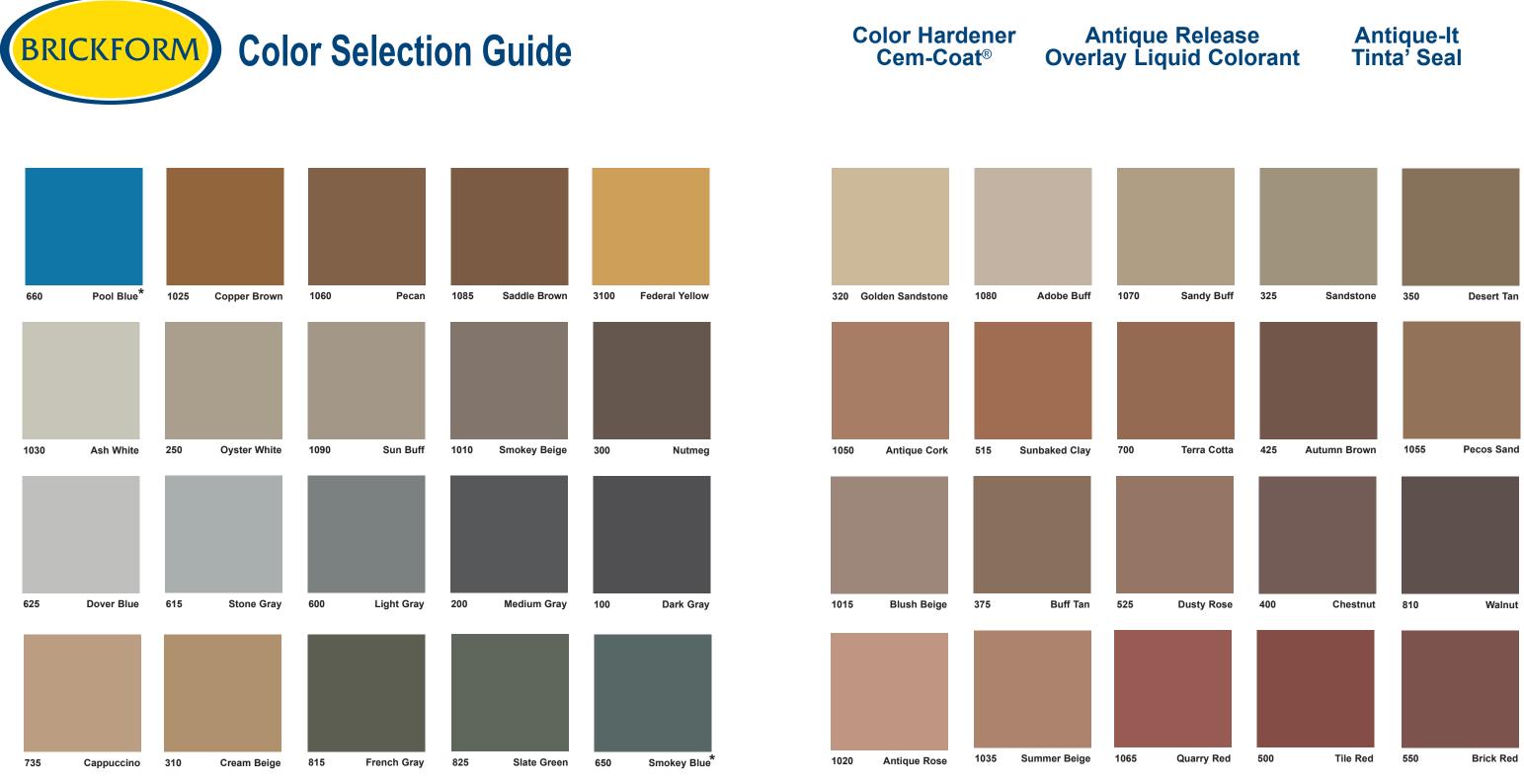
**Color Hardener Cem-Coat**<sup>®</sup>

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## **Antique Release Overlay Liquid Colorant**

## **Antique-It** Tinta' Seal



Also available in: 900-Black, 1000-White\*



\*Brickform Overlay Liquid Colorant not available

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