



# SafEtch

*non-fuming cleaner for textured concrete*

## OVERVIEW

Enviro Klean® SafEtch® is an effective, safe alternative to acidic compounds for cleaning and preparing textured concrete surfaces for clear or pigmented coatings. SafEtch® rids textured concrete of excess mortar, embedded oil, grease, efflorescence and dirt. It's ideal for projects where traditional acidic cleaners are not allowed.

Non-fuming SafEtch® contains no hydrochloric or other traditional inorganic acids and is safe for use on and around most metal surfaces. Additionally, it is up to 70 percent more effective than citric and glycolic acids, and 50 percent more effective than phosphoric acid.

## SPECIFICATIONS

For all PROSOCO product specifications visit [www.prosoco.com](http://www.prosoco.com).

## ADVANTAGES

- Proven effective for removing mortar smears and other common construction soiling.
- Replaces traditional mineral and organic acid products.
- Removes efflorescence on decorative paving treatments.
- Low odor and water-rinsable.
- Non-fuming.
- Environmentally responsible.
- Will not harm most cleaning equipment or metal surfaces.
- Safe for interior cleaning.

## Limitations

- Not suitable for polished/unpolished marble, limestone or travertine.
- May cause discoloration and corrosion on certain types of metals. ALWAYS TEST.

## REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

### VOC Compliance

Enviro Klean® SafEtch® is compliant with all national, state and district regulations.

## TYPICAL TECHNICAL DATA

FORM	Clear purple liquid
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.110
pH	<1.0 @ 1:3 dilution
WT/GAL	9.24 lbs
ACTIVE CONTENT	Not applicable
TOTAL SOLIDS	Not applicable
VOC CONTENT	Not applicable
FLASH POINT	>200°F (>93°C)
FREEZE POINT	-22°F (-30°C)
SHELF LIFE	3 years in tightly sealed, unopened container

## PREPARATION

Protect people, vehicles, property and all surfaces not set for cleaning from product, splash, wind drift, residue, and rinse water. When possible, finish cleaning before installing windows, doors, light fixtures, hardware, surrounding metal and other items that may be damaged by cleaning. If already in place, protect. Extended contact with the cleaning solution or its vapors may result in discoloration or damage.

All caulking and sealant materials should be in place and thoroughly cured before cleaning.

## Surface and Air Temperatures

To avoid harm to masonry, do not clean when temperatures are below freezing or will be overnight. Best cleaning results are obtained when air and masonry surface temperatures are 40°F (4°C) or above. If freezing conditions exist prior to application, allow adequate time for masonry to thaw.

## Equipment

Apply with roller, densely filled (tampico) masonry washing brush, or low pressure spray (50 psi max). Do not apply with high pressure spray. Do not atomize.

**ALWAYS TEST**

ALWAYS TEST a small area of each surface to confirm suitability and desired results before starting overall application. Test with the same equipment, recommended surface preparation and application procedures planned for general application.

damage sensitive masonry. Water flow rates less than 6 gpm may reduce cleaning productivity and contribute to uneven cleaning results.

## Storage and Handling

Store in a cool, dry place with adequate ventilation. Always seal container after dispensing. Do not alter or mix with other chemicals. Published shelf life assumes upright storage of factory-sealed containers in a dry place. Maintain temperature of 45–100°F (7–38°C). Do not double stack pallets. Dispose of unused product and container in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

## APPLICATION

Before use, read “Preparation” and “Safety Information.”

**ALWAYS TEST** (minimum 4 ft x 4 ft area) for dilution rates, surface compatibility and desired results. Test each surface and each type of soiling using the following application instructions. Let test dry thoroughly before inspection.

## Dilution

SafEtch® may be diluted with up to three parts clean water, depending on the nature and severity of soiling. Always pour water into empty bucket first, then carefully add concentrate.

Rinse with enough water and pressure to flush spent cleaner and dissolved soiling from the masonry surface and surface pores without damage. Inadequate rinsing leaves residues which may stain the cleaned surface.

Masonry-washing equipment generating 400–1000 psi with a water flow rate of 6–8 gpm is the best water/pressure combination for rinsing porous masonry. Use a 15–45° fan spray tip. Heated water (150–180°F; 65–82°C) may improve cleaning efficiency. Use adjustable equipment for reducing water flow rates and rinsing pressure as needed for sensitive surfaces.

Rinsing pressures greater than 1000 psi and fan spray tips smaller than 15° may permanently

Recommended for these substrates. Always test. Coverage is in sq.ft./m. per gallon.			
Substrate	Type	Use?	Coverage
Architectural Concrete Block	Burnished*	yes	100–400 sq.ft. 9–37 sq.m.
	Smooth	yes	
	Split-faced	yes	
	Ribbed	yes	
Concrete	Brick	yes	125–500 sq.ft. 12–46 sq.m.
	Tile	yes	
	Precast Panels	yes	
	Pavers	yes	
	Cast-in-place	yes	
Fired Clay♦	Brick	no	N/A
	Tile	no	
	Terra Cotta	no	
	Pavers	no	
Marble, Travertine, Limestone	Polished	no	N/A
	Unpolished	no	N/A
Granite	Polished	no	N/A
	Unpolished	no	N/A
Sandstone	Unpolished	no	N/A
Slate	Unpolished	no	N/A
Repeated applications will etch smooth surfaces. *Sure Klean® Burnished Custom Masonry Cleaner or Light Duty Concrete Cleaner may be more suitable. ♦Use Sure Klean® 600, 101 Lime Solvent or Vana Tral®. Always test to ensure desired results. Coverage estimates depend on surface texture and porosity.			

### Application Instructions

#### Exterior Surfaces

1. Working from the bottom to the top, use clean water to thoroughly prewet surface to be cleaned.
2. Apply liberally using low pressure spray (50 psi max), roller or densely filled (tampico) masonry washing brush. Do not apply with high pressure spray. Do not atomize.
3. Let the cleaning solution dwell 3–5 minutes. Reapply. Light scrubbing of the surface improves cleaning results especially where high pressure rinsing equipment is not available. Do not let cleaning solution “dry into” the concrete. If solution starts to dry, reapply.
4. Rinse with clean water from the bottom to the top, covering each section of the surface with a concentrated stream of water.  
*NOTE:* Thorough rinsing is extremely important. As much water pressure as possible (without damaging the surface) should be used to ensure that all staining elements are completely removed.

#### Interior Surfaces

Proper ventilation is necessary. Follow exterior application procedures. If pressure rinsing isn't possible, use a sponge or soft-fibered brush to rinse thoroughly with clean water.

#### Cleanup

Clean tools and equipment with fresh water.

### Maintenance

Application of a “breathable” water repellent to the cleaned masonry surface reduces absorption of stain producing elements, keeping the surface clean for a longer period of time and making future cleaning operations faster and easier. For more information about water repellents for various surfaces, visit [www.prosoco.com](http://www.prosoco.com) or call PROSOCO toll-free at 800-255-4255.

### SAFETY INFORMATION

Enviro Klean® SafEtch® is an acidic cleaning product with safety issues common to corrosive materials. Use appropriate safety equipment and job site controls during application and handling. Read the full label and MSDS for precautionary instructions before use.

#### First Aid

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, give 3–4 glasses of water and seek immediate medical attention.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse eyes thoroughly for 15 minutes while lifting eyelids to assure thorough cleaning. Get immediate medical assistance.

**Skin Contact:** Remove contaminated clothing and rinse thoroughly for 15 minutes. Get medical attention if persistent irritation develops. Launder contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Inhalation:** Remove to fresh air. Give artificial respiration if not breathing. Get immediate medical attention.

**24 Hour Emergency Information:**  
INFOTRAC at 800-535-5053

### BEST PRACTICES

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Never go it alone. For problems or questions, contact your local PROSOCO distributor or field representative. Or call PROSOCO technical Customer Care toll-free at 800-255-4255.



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