



STAIN REMOVAL CHART: For additional information on the cleaning stains from concrete surfaces see: ICPI Tech Spec No. 5, *“Cleaning, Sealing and Joint Sand Stabilization of Interlocking Concrete Pavement”* and *“Removing Stains from Concrete”* by William H. Kuenning.

STAIN	APPEARANCE	PRODUCT	PROCEDURE
Efflorescence	White Chalky Haze / Residue or Rings	EnviroSafe Brand Masonry Cleaner	Follow manufacturer’s directions
Polymeric Sand Residue	White Haze more visible in the joint and on paver edges	Hot Water <u>or</u> Commercial Stripper	Use hot water (+200° temp) May need to hot wand every stone with turbo tip.
White Blush	White blush of water trapped in or under prior sealer	Commercial Sealer Stripper	Follow manufacturer’s directions
Leaf Stains / Organic Stains	Brown	EnviroSafe Brand Masonry Cleaner	Follow manufacturer’s directions
Grease, Oil, Petroleum Based Stains	Black	Specialty Degreaser Zep Brand or similar or gasoline	Use a coarse stiff scrub brush, surface scrubber, and power washing wand to get the oil off the surface. May have to repeat cleaning if latent oil from below the surface comes to the surface.
Iron / Rust	Brown/orange/yellow	Rid-O-Rust, Wink Iron Out, CLR	Follow manufacturer’s directions
Chewing Gum	Raised substance	Ice Hot Water	Freeze with ice and scrape Pressure wash with wand
Paint, Caulk	Paint Drips or Splatter	Stripper	Follow manufacturer’s directions Pressure wash with wand
Mortar or Cement Droppings	Grey	Efflorescence Remover <u>or</u> Masonry Cleaner	Scrape off excess material Spray Efflorescence remover or Masonry Cleaner on surface. Allow to dwell 2-3 min. Brush thoroughly, Rinse well
Moss	Raised green clusters	Ammonium Sulfate Moss Away Brand, <u>Or</u> Chlorine/Bleach	Follow manufacturer’s directions. Dilute 1:1 with water. Allow to dry, then rinse thoroughly. Test area, may affect color.
Mold, Mildew and Algae	Black or green slime	Chlorine Bleach	Spray evenly 1:1 dilution with water. Allow to dry, then rinse thoroughly. Test area (may affect color).
Weeds	Raised Vegetation	Commercial Herbicide	Apply and allow a few days to kill the root before cleaning.