



Powdered Integral Color

Different types of finishing techniques and curing methods will alter the finished appearance. A job-site sample or test slab should be done, using the specified materials, as well as the finishing and curing techniques that will be used on the project. Batch-to-batch uniformity must be maintained to produce consistent color.

The colors on this color chart are approximate, using laboratory samples of troweled concrete made from a 6-sack mix, using Type II gray portland cement, silica sand, and water to achieve a 4 inch slump. Different colors in cement, as well as some sands and water content will result in different colors.

***Caution:** Carbon Black can negate the amount of entrained air in the concrete mix. Due to the particle size of Carbon, it has the tendency to dissipate out of concrete over time. Seal the concrete with a premium sealer to protect the surface color.

1 BAG PER 2 YARDS		1 BAG PER 1 YARD		2 BAGS PER 1 YARD		3 BAGS PER 1 YARD					
	(PC-6001) EARTHEN		RAWHIDE		SRI 25		BUCKSKIN		SRI 24		LEATHER
	(PC-1001) SLATE		SRI 22		LIGHT GRAY		SHALE		STORM GRAY		
	(PC-2017) THISTLE		REDBUD		SRI 40		CURRANT		RUBY		
	(PC-3001) BUFF		CHAMOIS		SRI 41		HARVEST GOLD		SRI 41		GOLDENROD
	(PC-4005) SAND		DESERT SAND		PINE CONE		MOROCCAN TAN				
	(PC-5001) CARAMEL		TAN		SIENNA		RUSTIC RED				
	(PC-8001) OATMEAL		SRI 37		OAK		SRI 29		HAZELNUT		SRI 29
	(PC-8051) BISCUIT		SRI 45		FAWN		SRI 45		YELLOWSTONE		BOURBON
	(PC-9001) MUSHROOM		SRI 29		UTOPIA		SRI 23		SILT		SRI 20
	(PC-9051) LLAMA		SRI 44		CROISSANT		SRI 41		DEER VALLEY		SRI 44
	(PC-908) SHADOW*										
			RAVEN*		(PC-600) FOG		SRI 61		ALABASTER		SRI 71



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Brickform Powdered Color is a quality assured uniform blend of pure iron oxide pigment packaged in pre-measured dissolving re-pulpable paper bags that are added at the ready-mix batch plant or at the jobsite. Brickform Powdered Color disperses evenly throughout the concrete mix and complies with ASTM C979 "Pigments for Integrally Colored Concrete". Brickform's System Approach provides the professional contractor the tools necessary for uniform batching, finishing, curing, and sealing to ensure the uniformity of architectural concrete.

Architectural documents for Brickform products including CSI MasterFormat™ Architectural Specifications, BIM files, and LEED documents can be obtained at www.solomoncolors.com under "Resources".

Packaging: 12 standard colors delivers 44 separate (distinct) concrete color shades. As shown, each base color on the Brickform Color Card illustrates dosages ranging from 1 bag per 2 yards; 1 bag per 1 yard; 2 bags per 1 yard; 3 bags per 1 yard of concrete.

Color Selection: The color card approximates non-sealed color shades of Brickform integral colors based on medium tone gray Type 1-2 Portland cement with a 4" slump. The final color shade will be affected by local cement & aggregates, addition of admixtures, water to cement ratio, curing, sealing, finishing methods, and the slab surface texture. The final color of lower color loadings such as 1 bag per 2 yards are influenced to a greater degree from cement and aggregate shades utilized in the mix design. A job site sample or test slab should be done, using the specified materials, as well as the finishing and curing techniques that will be used on the project.

Solar Reflection Index (SR): SRI is the measure of a surface's ability to stay cool in the sun by reflecting solar radiation and emitting thermal radiation. The SRI value is calculated according to ASTM E 1980. The SRI values are indicated next to the color swatch on reverse side.

Mix Design: The key to a uniform concrete color is consistency throughout the job.

- The mixer drum should be clean with little or no build-up on fins.
- Mixer should be loaded to a minimum of 30% capacity to ensure good color dispersion.
- Consistent color can only be achieved by using the same mix design throughout the job (same sand, cement, admixtures, aggregates, and water to cement ratio).
- Consider adding UltraFiber 500 cellulose fiber reinforcement to your decorative project. UltraFiber 500 provides excellent secondary reinforcement is invisible in concrete and yields an aesthetically perfect finish with no special finishing practices. Links to UltraFiber 500 TIS information available at www.solomoncolors.com.

- Maintain a 4" slump (10cm), (low water to cement ratio). Higher slumps (maintaining low water to cement ratio) may be obtained by using water reducers. Note: use of plasticizers, water reducers, and air entraining products designed for use with colored concrete are acceptable. However, Brickform strongly recommends the use of a test slabs to determine final color outcome.
- Caution: Use of calcium chloride can cause discoloration on the surface of the concrete. Non-chloride accelerator, including hot water, are acceptable.
- When using Brickform Powdered Color in repulpable bags, slit the bag along the top dotted line, and completely remove and discard the top portion of the bag. Reverse the drum and slowly bring the concrete to the back of the drum near the chute. Add the bag(s) of color on the concrete mix and slowly draw them back into the mixer. Mix the repulpable bag(s) for a minimum of 10 minutes at high mixing speed. This allows the proper dispersion and bag disintegration in the mix.
- When using small ¼ "(0.6cm) or smooth rounded aggregates, or sand-blasted or exposed aggregate finishes, do not add the repulpable bag to the mixer. Add only the color pigment by opening the bag and pouring all color into the mixer.

Preparation of the Sub-Grade: Prepare the subgrade with compacted aggregate, free of frost, with no standing water is essential. In hot conditions, dampen the subgrade before each pour to keep moisture in the concrete to allow better hydration. Keep the subgrade moisture consistent throughout the day without allowing the water to pool.

Pouring concrete directly over plastic can lead to numerous problems including excessive bleed water, uneven drying time, shrinkage, cracking, and efflorescence. Consider adding 2" to 4" of sand between plastic and concrete. If pouring directly over plastic, mix design may need to be altered. Consult with your Ready-Mix Supplier.

Placing and Finishing: Initial floating should be discontinued as soon as the surface becomes wet. Floating may be resumed after the surface water disappears. Additional water should

not be applied to the concrete surface during finishing. We recommend using DAY1 Finishing Aid a colloidal silica-based topical additive as an alternative. Applied during floating and troweling, DAY1 increases cream, making for easier, better finishing and extended workable time under adverse conditions. DAY1 does not alter the water to cement ratio. It provides moisture-retention performance like a liquid membrane forming curing compound. Ideal for all colored and decorative concrete applications. Links to DAY1 Finishing Aid TIS Information available at www.solomoncolors.com. Do not use a wet broom on finished concrete.

Curing: Never use plastic sheeting or water spray to cure colored concrete. Doing so will mottle and streak the surface of the concrete. Cure with Brickform Cure & Seal products to cure freshly placed concrete. Please reference the appropriate Brickform Cure & Seal TIS for full description of product use at www.brickform.com

Sealing: Protect the beauty of your decorative concrete project with Brickform's designed solvent or water base sealers. Brickform sealers are available in high gloss, medium gloss, or matt finish appearances. Brickform's premium sealers' information available at www.brickform.com.

Follow professional standards and guidelines such as those from the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC) for concrete applications.

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