

# How to Clean and Seal Burnished Block

**Two of our most frequent inquiries about using burnished block are how to clean it and how to apply the field coat seal. Here are our suggested guidelines.**

## Cleaning Burnished Block

Always keep walls clean during construction. Wipe newly-laid walls daily with burlap when mortar residue gets dry. This leaves an easily-removed dusting of mortar.

We recommend a mild, diluted solution of Sure Klean<sup>®</sup> Vana Trol<sup>®</sup> or burnished masonry cleaner. (Caution: strong acid solutions and pressure washing are never advised. They can burn mortar joints and permanently discolor the face.)

## Sealing Burnished Block

A field coat of our specified sealer is required on all burnished units. Failure to apply this field coat voids warranties.

The field coat corrects scratches, scrapes, and most problems that occur during storage, construction, and clean down.

Two types of acrylics are recommended for the field coat:

- TK-192, a water-born acrylic,
- TK Bright Kure & Seal, a solvent-born acrylic.

Solvent-born acrylics tend to work better, but cannot be used in many areas due to VOCs emitted during application. In swimming pool areas where moisture and chlorine levels are higher, solvent-born acrylics are recommended.

Always apply field coats sparingly. About 200-300 square feet per gallon is recommended. Heavy applications get cloudy.

The field coat should always be applied when walls are clean and dry, and wall temperature is above 40°F. If applied over wet walls, water-born acrylics dilute and solvent-born acrylics get hazy.

## Quick Review

- **Keep the walls clean during construction.**
- **Use no strong acids or pressure washing.**
- **Field coat sparingly on clean, dry and warm walls.**

## Results

Another beautiful project supplied by Premier Block and another satisfied customer for you.

For more information, refer to Premier Block's Product Binder or the product specifications.

*If you have questions, please contact us at 888-395-5584.*

