

## SEALING YOUR STEPSTONE PRODUCT

### Stepstone often gets asked, “Should I seal my product?”

Sealing is intended to protect precast product from surface damage. The most common cause of damage is from surface moisture entering the concrete; the most persistent form of damage comes from freeze/thaw conditions.

Made to order, Stepstone precast concrete products can be factory sealed at the time of manufacturing when they are new and free of surface dirt. Sealing, is just one of the many options available for customizing your order.

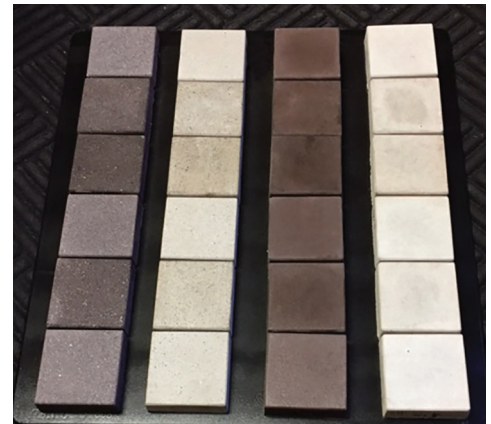
With numerous brands of sealers on the market varying from region to region, Stepstone is unable to test them all, catalog their ingredients, know how they perform, or how these sealers will affect factory fresh product or material that has been installed and exposed to the elements for years. And most importantly, we can’t predict if you will be happy with the outcome.

### Our answer and best advice

Select a couple of water or acrylic based sealers. Get samples. Test until you’re satisfied with the results.

### Here’s why

Here is a photograph of an experiment we did with 5 of the most popular water and acrylic based sealers available locally. We used two of our standard colors – Granada White and Kona – in an assortment of finishes. The top row has unsealed product; each row below corresponds to a different sealer. Take your eyes along the rows to see changes in colors, evenness, shines and textures based on the sealer used.



### Samples are free of charge

Please call us and we’ll send you up to a dozen 3” x 3” samples of your original material. It’s no problem if you don’t remember; our records go back years and we’ll look it up. Or, send us a picture and we should be able to match it from there.

### Can I get sealer from Stepstone?

No. Sealer can be found at your local masonry dealer. Eagerly, we’ll refer you to a Stepstone Dealer in your area within the state of California.

Please follow Stepstone’s best advice and test. Then, *you’ll know* if you should seal your product.