

Gather Co

Tips For Installation

How To Dip Seal

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Special Notes

Sealing is an essential step in the installation process. Surfaces with moisture sensitive characteristics or any product laid in coastal zones, wet areas or pool surrounds should consider dip sealing as part of the instal method.

Gather Co is pleased to nominate AquaMix Australia as our recommended sealer supplier. AquaMix is a highly reputable brand, known for industry leading quality and a willingness to back their products.

This document is intended as a guide only. Requirements for each project will vary depending on site conditions and the surface being treated.

To ensure suitability, always conduct testing on a sample piece prior to the commencement of any sealing works.

All further enquiries or product orders must be made with AquaMix directly.

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Gather Co does not offer warranty over any AquaMix product.



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1. SEALING FORETHOUGHTS

When selecting any product within the Gather Co collection, consideration must be given to ensure each product is suitable for the intended application.

Gather Co is pleased to provide the following advice in addition to the product sale. In almost all cases, we recommend following the advice of qualified and experienced construction professionals. These tips are to be used in conjunction with the relevant Australian Standards and all corresponding AquaMix directions.

Gather Co recommends sampling sealing products & procedures prior to commencing site works, to ensure appropriate measures have been addressed.

Gather Co has partnered with highly reputable industry leaders to supply the very best in waterproofing, grouts, adhesive and sealing products. When using our recommended products, it is always advised to follow the manufacturers guides and specifications.

1.1 Supply Partner

Our recommended SEALING supply brand is: AQUAMIX®:

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When applying any product detailed in this document, the following must be taken into account:

1.2 Coverage

The following table can be used as an approximate guide when quantifying the required AquaMix ProBlock volumes:

MATERIAL	COVERAGE (Per Litre)
BASALT	8-12m ²
GRANITE	10-14m ²
QUARTS	6-10m ²
MARBLE	8-12m ²
LIMESTONE	8-12m ²
SANDSTONE	6-10m ²
SLATE	10-14m ²
TERRACOTTA / BRICK / COTTONROCK	1m ²
TRAVERTINE	8-12m ²
PORPHYRY	8-10m ²

1.3 Weather Conditions

An important consideration is weather. Air temperatures during the sealing process should sit between 15 and 30 degrees celsius. Avoid exposure to any moisture whilst the sealing agent is curing.



2. SEALING PROCEDURE

Dip sealing is the process of completely submerging all six sides of a surface in an appropriate sealing agent, prior to installation. When employing this method, we typically suggest the use of AquaMix ProBlock.

It is always our recommendation to follow the direct guidance of AquaMix when applying any of their products:

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2.1 Preparation

AquaMix ProBlock is an artificial chemical which necessitates the application of adequate PPE during preparation, application and clean-up. This includes rubber gloves, safety glasses, covered footwear and full-length clothing.

2.2 Equipment

1. PPE.
2. Flat bottom plastic tray.
3. Rubber squeegee.
4. White colour fast non-staining absorbent cloth.
5. Sponge or paint pad.

2.3 Method

1. Consult directly with AquaMix before paying any of their products.
2. Don PPE.
3. Always perform test on sample piece to ensure no adverse or unforeseen effects eventuate.
4. Ensure the surface being dip sealed is both clean and dry.
5. AquaMix ProBlock is a single part product and should not be diluted.
6. Fill flat bottom plastic dipping tray with sealer. Ensure the tray is large enough to comfortably fit the surface being sealed. Tray should be filled with sealer to a level that allows complete submersion.
7. Carefully place surface in tray and allow a soaking period of 10-15 seconds. Dense surfaces such as limestone and marble may require additional soaking to ensure adequate penetration.
8. Retrieve surface from tray and remove excess chemical using rubber squeegee. Then, dry-buff any excess liquid after a 5-minute settling period. **DO NOT ALLOW EXCESS CHEMICAL TO DRY ON THE SURFACE.**
9. Conduct testing to ensure the surface is completely sealed after an 8-hour drying

period. Simply apply water to a sample section. If the water is absorbed or damp blotching is visible immediately after removing water droplets, an additional application of sealer is required.

10. Sealed product must not be installed within 48 hours of AquaMix ProBlock application. Final curing will occur at 72 hours. If the tiles, pavers or bricks are to be stacked before installation, pieces should be allowed to air dry for a minimum of 4 hours prior to piling. All sealed and stacked product must be kept dry for a period of 24 hours and stored in an area of decent air flow.

Supplementary to pre-sealing we also recommend the application of AquaMix Sealers Choice Gold over two additional coats. Firstly, after installation and before commencing grout works. A second application is then carried out following grouting and the final comprehensive clean up. Always consult AquaMix directly before applying any of their products:

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2.4 Clean Up

Clean tools with mineral spirits after use. Please remain considerate of the environment and dispose of all excess chemical responsibly.

3. MAINTENANCE OVERVIEW

Ongoing maintenance will vary from surface to surface. Regular cleaning will reduce the risk and signs of dirt, mould and efflorescence.

3.1 Cleaning

Stone Deep Clean from Aqua Mix is a non-acid, biodegradable formula that is great for natural stone surfaces. A cleaning professional should only attempt the use of acid based products on stone surfaces.

3.2 Re-Sealing

Finally, in domestic settings, reapplication of Sealers Choice Gold by Aqua Mix will need to occur approximately every 8-10 years for internal areas and, 6-8 years for external areas.

Please note: these periods are heavily dependant on wear and may reduce significantly in commercial settings.

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