

### **SPRING INSTALLATION CHALLENGES**

Every spring we inevitably get asked the same things. Did the formula change? Why is the product curing faster?

We all are guilty of it. During the winter the weather is colder and humidity drops. The product doesn't cure as fast so we get lulled into this mode of slowing down our application speed.

With spring here and summer right around the corner, take some time to review your installation process. For basecoat we recommend only applying an amount that can be chipped within 15-20 minutes. With topcoat you want to work with batches that can be finished in 20-25 minutes.

To help with installation of Anchor Coat we will soon be introducing a slower curing version. This will be able to be mixed with the all weather blend to create custom speeds. With this you will be able to dial in the best cure rate for your unique situation.

### **Topcoat Bubbles**

As we move into spring, another common challenge we hear are more reports of bubbling in topcoat especially when applied outdoors and direct sunlight. This can happen with any coating but tends to be seen mostly in the application of topcoat.

The bubbles happen most when the slab is cool and the air temp is warmer and/or rising. Application in direct sunlight makes for the some of the worst case scenarios.

With our new Cyclospartic product we use a solvent that is higher quality and evaporates slower to have better working time and help achieve a more uniform coat. In the case of rapidly rising temps or direct sun sometimes this can lead to bubbling.

There is a solution!!!

When applying Cyclospartic Topcoat in situations more likely to bubble you can add acetone to the mix and it will help the bubbles escape faster and avoid bubbles in the final cured product.

If bubbling is noticed while you are on the job, saturate a roller with acetone and roll over the topcoat. This will remove the bubbles and the topcoat will cure bubble free.

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