

# MIXX Concrete Care

Concrete **MIXX** products are composed of natural materials: granite stone powder, Portland cement, natural jute fibers and water.

**MIXX** products are finished with a water-based acrylic surface sealer, which provides a protective barrier in both interior and exterior environments. Our UV resistant sealer is non-yellowing and protects against water and chloride intrusion while permitting moisture in the concrete to escape.

Once the protective barrier is broken, usually through mechanical action or heat degeneration, the sealer cannot function to its full potential and the item must be resealed again. Cutting into or directly on the concrete can break the protective barrier. Placing hot pans directly on the concrete will also break the protective barrier.

To safeguard your product and maintain a strong protective seal over the life of the product, we recommend that you periodically wax (3-4 times per year) your **MIXX** concrete product with a paraffin-based wax or stone floor wax sealer (i.e. Johnson's Floor Wax). It is important to spot test prior to full application to ensure that your chosen product does not leave a milky, undesirable residue on top of the factory-applied acrylic sealer.

We suggest that you apply the wax sealer liberally with a soft non-abrasive cloth. Quickly rub the wax onto the product; do not allow it to dry or harden on the product, which may significantly alter the patina. Use a clean, soft dry cloth to buff to desired luster and allow the concrete to absorb the wax for at least 4 hours.

Please note that, even with the factory-applied acrylic surface sealer and proper application of paraffin-based wax, concrete is naturally a porous material that is susceptible to staining. Properly maintaining your **MIXX** product will provide a strong base of protection, but the item is still not 100% sealed.

## Avoiding stains and damage:

Although suggested sealing will enhance the protective barrier on your **MIXX** product, concrete is a naturally porous material, which is prone to absorption. It is very important to be mindful of the product's properties and follow a few simple steps:

- Clean your MIXX product using water and mild soap (i.e. dish soap). Do not use heavy abrasive, bleach-based or ammoniated cleaners. Use of such cleaners will wear down the protective barrier and result in less stain resistance. We do not recommend use of most natural cleaners (which are often citrus based), as this type of cleaning agent is typically highly acidic and can damage the product.
- Do not allow oil, grease or acid-based liquids to sit on the product surface. Wipe it up immediately.
- Bring product inside or protect with a waterproof furniture cover during very cold or freezing temperatures as moisture that freezes may expand and create cracks.
- Do not allow salt to build up on your product as it can corrode the product over time. In highly corrosive environments, we suggest you wipe down the product regularly and more frequently seal the product with a paraffin-based wax.
- Do not place hot objects (i.e. hot pans and dishes) directly on the product. The direct heat can break the protective seal and discolor the product, altering the existing patina.
- Do not allow water, snow or ice to build up on the surface of your product. During freezing temperatures, water will expand into ice, which crack the concrete.
- If a chip or crack develops, you can easily repair your **MIXX** product by using concrete patch to fill the void and rebuild corners.