Gravel-Lok is available in two formulas: Clear and Amber. This presentation explains the difference between the two formulas.

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General Characteristics:

- Clear in color (for use with white or any color stone)
- Includes UV additives
- Initially darkens stone and has a shiny, wet look. Will stay shiny for 1 – 2 months or indefinitely, depending on amount of use.
General Characteristics:

- Amber/brown colored liquid (do not use with whitish colored stones)
- Does not contain UV additives.
- Considerably less expensive than the Gravel-Lok Clear formula
- Initially darkens stone and has a shiny, wet look. Dark color may intensify in first 1 – 2 months. Then, Gravel-Lok fades off surface of stone (70 – 80%) exposing natural color and matte finish of stone. This process, depending on exposure to sun, will take anywhere from 2 – 6 months from initial application. Lighter colored stones may adopt an amber hue.
Stone Color

Keep in mind that the coloring of any stone will look darker/deeper with Gravel-Lok on it – just like it looks when it is wet. This photo shows how our Yorktown pea gravel looks very different when it is wet with JUST WATER.
Here is the same Yorktown stone that was pictured in the last slide but this was bonded with Gravel-Lok. The sample on the left was bonded with Clear and the sample on the right was bonded with Amber. At this stage, there is no difference in the color. However, the Clear sample is more shiny. These samples were made indoors, not in the sun. In direct sunlight the amber color can intensify immediately. Over time, the Amber color will get darker and be noticeable. Eventually, it will fade off and reveal the natural color of the stone.
After one month of partial sun exposure, the same samples were photographed and the amber color has intensified on the Amber sample....
After 6 months of sun exposure...
...there is a distinct difference between Clear and Amber after six months. The Clear sample is not as shiny as it was six months ago; yet there is still a little shine on some stones. The Amber sample is not shiny at all and the amber color has intensified. The white/light colored stones are now amber in color and blend in with the rest of the stones.
…After nearly one year, the shiny look of the Clear sample has disappeared. The amber color has intensified on the Amber sample. Notice a slight ‘cracked’ look on the top of some stones on the Amber sample. The coating on the top of each stone is starting to break down. It will weather off.
...After nearly two years, the stones, especially the ones treated with Clear Gravel-Lok, look very similar to how they looked naturally, before treated with Gravel-Lok. The Amber is continuing to break down and weather off the top of every stone. See next slide for close-up view.
The Amber formula is continuing to break down and weather off the top of every stone. It looks like tiny brown patches on the lighter stones.
The Clear formula does not have these brown patches on the lighter stones.
With the Clear formula, after nearly two years (one year in indirect sun, and one year in direct sun) the stones look very similar to how they looked before treatment with Gravel-Lok. And, they are no longer shiny. They look natural.
Additional examples...
If the stones have some color, the Amber color of the liquid will not be noticeable. See examples of stones that have been bonded with Amber and Clear Gravel-Lok. The colors of the stones intensify just as they would if the stone were wet. Clear will also yield a shiny look.
CLEAN, DRY STONE

CLEAR

AMBER