

## → SURE KLEAN →

# 600

## new masonry cleaner

### OVERVIEW

Sure Klean® 600 is a general purpose, concentrated acidic cleaner for brick, tile and concrete surfaces. Sure Klean® 600 dissolves mortar smears and construction dirt quickly, leaving the masonry clean and uniform with no acid burning or streaking.

### SPECIFICATIONS

For all PROSOCO product specifications visit [www.prosoco.com](http://www.prosoco.com) and click on "SpecBuilder" or "Solution Finder."

### ADVANTAGES

- The No. 1-selling proprietary cleaner for new masonry.
- Proven effective through years of use.
- Recommended by many brick, tile and mortar manufacturers.
- Safer than muriatic acid for new masonry surfaces.
- Fast and easy to apply – use with cold water rinse.
- Special wetting agents let larger masonry surfaces be cleaned at one time, eliminating streaking.

### Limitations

- May not be suitable for cleaning buff-colored brick and brick, stone or tile with manganese or other metallic additives. See product literature on Sure Klean® Vana Trol®.
- Not suitable for cleaning polished or certain glazed surfaces. Always test to ensure suitability.
- Repeated applications may leave a detergent residue. Always prewet to reduce potential for detergent residue. Rinse thoroughly. Don't apply more than twice.
- Not effective for removing atmospheric dirt and black carbon stains. Use the appropriate Sure Klean® restoration cleaner to remove atmospheric staining from older masonry surfaces.
- Not for use on treated low-E glass; acrylic and polycarbonate sheet glazing; and glazing with surface-applied reflective, metallic or other synthetic coatings and films.

### REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

#### VOC Compliance

Sure Klean® 600 is compliant with all national, state and district regulations.

### TYPICAL TECHNICAL DATA

FORM	Clear liquid with slight amber color
SPECIFIC GRAVITY	1.130
pH	0.1 @ 1:9 dilution
WT/GAL	9.4 lbs
ACTIVE CONTENT	Not applicable
TOTAL SOLIDS	Not applicable
VOC CONTENT	Not applicable
FLASH POINT	Not applicable
FREEZE POINT	<-22°F (<-30°C)
SHELF LIFE	3 years in tightly sealed, unopened container

## PREPARATION

Protect people, vehicles, property, metal, painted surfaces, plants and other non masonry materials from product, splash, residue, wind drift and fumes. When working over traffic, clean when traffic is at a minimum. Protect or divert traffic if necessary.

Vapors and liquid can damage a variety of metals and fabrics. Clean masonry before installing windows, doors, finished flooring, metal fixtures, hardware, light fixtures, roofing materials and other non masonry items that the cleaner could harm. If already installed, protect with polyethylene before application. Sure Klean® Strippable Masking is appropriate for use with this product to protect windows. All caulking

and sealant materials should be in place and thoroughly cured before cleaning.

Construction soiling and mortar residues on new brick and tile surfaces clean most effectively if the cleaning is done within 14–28 days of installation. Mortar and grout smears left on the surface longer result in a more difficult clean down and may cause undesirable results. Cleaning high-strength mortar/grout within seven days improves results. Presence of excessive moisture in the wall contributes to efflorescence and other staining. Always protect open wall cavities from rain during construction.

## Surface and Air Temperatures

For best results, clean when air and masonry surface temperatures are 40°F (4°C) or above. To avoid harming masonry, do not clean when temperatures are below freezing or will be overnight. If freezing conditions existed before application, let the masonry thaw.

## Equipment

Apply with low-pressure spray (50 psi max) or densely-packed, soft-fibered masonry-washing brush. Do not atomize. Do not apply with pressure spray over 50 psi. Such application will drive the chemicals deep into the surface, making complete rinse difficult. Test spray equipment for compatibility and to avoid discoloration.

## ALWAYS TEST

**ALWAYS TEST** a small area of each surface to confirm suitability and desired results before starting overall application. Test with the same equipment, recommended surface preparation and application procedures planned for general application.

Rinse with enough water and pressure to flush spent cleaner and dissolved soiling from the masonry surface and surface pores without damage. Inadequate rinsing leaves residues which may stain the cleaned surface.

Masonry-washing equipment generating 400–1000 psi with a water flow rate of 6–8 gallons per minute is the best water/pressure combination for rinsing porous masonry. Use a 15–45° fan spray tip. Heated water (150–180°F; 65–82°C) may improve cleaning efficiency. Use adjustable equipment for reducing water flow-rates and rinsing pressure as needed for sensitive surfaces.

Rinsing pressures greater than 1000 psi and fan spray tips smaller than 15° may permanently damage sensitive masonry. Water flow-rates less than 6 gallons per minute may reduce cleaning productivity and contribute to uneven cleaning results.

## Storage and Handling

Transport and store in a cool, dry place with adequate ventilation. Always seal container after dispensing. Do not alter or mix with other chemicals. Published shelf life assumes upright storage of factory-sealed container in a dry place. Maintain temperatures of 45–100°F (7–38°C). Do not double stack pallets. Dispose of unused product and container in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

Recommended for these substrates. Always test. Coverage is in sq.ft./m. per gallon of concentrate.			
Substrate	Type	Use?	Coverage
Architectural Concrete Block♦	Burnished	no	300–400 sq.ft. 28–37 sq.m.
	Smooth	yes	
	Split-faced	yes	
	Ribbed	yes	
Concrete♦	Brick	yes	600–1100 sq.ft. 56–102 sq.m.
	Tile	yes	
	Precast Panels	yes	
	Pavers	yes	
	Cast-in-place	yes	
Fired Clay	Brick	yes	500–900 sq.ft. 46–84 sq.m.
	Tile	yes	
	Terra Cotta	yes	
	Pavers	yes	
Marble, Travertine, Limestone	Polished	no	N/A
	Unpolished	no	N/A
Granite	Polished	no	N/A
	Unpolished	yes	600–1200 sq.ft. 56–111 sq.m.
Sandstone	Unpolished	yes	600–900 sq.ft. 56–84 sq.m.
Slate	Unpolished	yes	600–1100 sq.ft. 56–102 sq.m.

♦ Repeated applications may damage surfaces. Sure Klean® Custom Masonry Cleaner is a more appropriate product.  
 Always test to ensure desired results.  
 Coverage estimates depend on surface texture and porosity.

## APPLICATION

Before use, read "Preparation" and "Safety Information."

**ALWAYS TEST** each type of surface and stain for suitability and results before overall application. Test a minimum 4-ft x 4-ft area on each type of masonry. Let the test panel dry 3 to 7 days before inspection. Use the following application instructions. Keep test panels available for comparison throughout the cleaning project.

If test panel indicates metallic discoloration, or if stains are present before testing, refer to the "Metallic Discolorations" section.

## Dilution

Dilute one part product with between four and 12 parts clean water, based on test results. Always pour **COLD** water into empty bucket first, then carefully add product. Never use hot water. Handle in polypropylene buckets or sprayers only. Acidic materials and fumes attack metal.

When calculating the volume of cleaner required for porous, textured surfaces, assume 50 square feet per gallon of prepared cleaner. For dense, smooth surfaces, assume up to 150 square feet per gallon of prepared cleaner. The coverage rate chart assumes an average coverage rate of 100 square feet per gallon of prepared cleaner.

## Application Instructions

Test thoroughly before general cleaning. Provide adequate ventilation. **CAUTION:** Multiple applications may lighten the mortar color.

### Exterior Surfaces

1. Working from the bottom to the top, thoroughly prewet a large area with fresh water.
2. Using a densely-packed, soft-fibered masonry washing brush, or low-pressure spray (50 psi maximum), apply the diluted solution freely from the bottom of the work area to the top.
3. Let cleaning solution stay on the wall for 3 to 5 minutes. Do not let cleaner dry into the masonry. This may leave residue or stains.

Fresh water rinse the surfaces below areas being cleaned to prevent streaking.

4. Reapply cleaner and scrape off heavy buildup of excess mortar using a wooden scraper or piece of brick. Take care not to harm the masonry surface.
5. Working from the bottom of the work area to the top, rinse thoroughly with clean water, removing all cleaning compound, free sand, loose material and debris.
6. Reapply as needed following steps 1–5.

### Interior Surfaces

Proper ventilation is necessary. Follow exterior application procedures. Use a sponge or soft-fibered brush to rinse thoroughly. If conditions don't allow enough water for complete rinsing, use a neutralizing rinse following this procedure:

1. Rinse with clean water.
2. Apply neutralizing rinse of 2 ounces baking soda to 1 gallon water.
3. Saturate. Leave solution on surface 3 to 5 minutes.
4. Apply final rinse of clear water.

## Cleanup

Clean tools and equipment using fresh water.

## Metallic Discolorations

Because of the metallic oxides contained in many colors of brick in use today, green and brown stains can form on the masonry surface. These stains occur when vanadium, manganese or other oxides migrate to the surface of the brick. Where significant levels of metallic oxides are present in the masonry, an improper dilution of Sure Klean® 600 can contribute to staining.

If the brick shows metallic staining before or after testing, follow these additional steps:

- If stains are light to moderate, test using Sure Klean® 600 at a dilution rate of 8 parts water to 1 part concentrate. After rinsing, let brick weather 10 to 14 days. Minor stains will often disappear if allowed to weather.

## BEST PRACTICES

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Rinse with enough water and pressure to flush spent cleaner and dissolved soiling from the masonry surface and surface pores without damage. Inadequate rinsing leaves residues which may stain the cleaned surface.

Never go it alone. For problems or questions, contact your local PROSOCO distributor or field representative. Or call PROSOCO technical Customer Care toll-free at 800-255-4255.

- If results are acceptable, clean using this dilution rate. When cleaning is done, let the wall weather. Spot treat minor stains that have not weathered with Sure Klean® stain removal products.
- If severe stains are apparent before original testing or become a problem at any time during the testing, use Sure Klean® Vana Trol® instead of Sure Klean® 600. Vana Trol® is a cleaning compound formulated specifically to control metallic staining. Follow the procedures outlined in the Vana Trol® product literature. In some cases, Vana Trol® will remove vanadium staining. If test panels do not prove effective, test using Sure Klean® 800 Stain Remover and/or Sure Klean® Ferrous Stain Remover.

### **SAFETY INFORMATION**

Sure Klean® 600 is a concentrated, acidic cleaner. This product may damage a variety of common construction materials and has safety issues common to corrosive materials. Use appropriate ventilation, safety equipment and job site controls during application and handling. Read the full label and MSDS for precautionary instructions before use.

### **First Aid**

**Ingestion:** Contact a physician immediately.

**Eye Contact:** Rinse eyes thoroughly for 15 minutes. Get medical attention.

**Skin Contact:** Rinse thoroughly for 15 minutes. Seek medical assistance as needed.

**24-Hour Emergency Information:**  
INFOTRAC at 800-535-5053

### **WARRANTY**

The information and recommendations made are based on our own research and the research of others, and are believed to be accurate. However, no guarantee of their accuracy is made because we cannot cover every possible application of our products, nor anticipate every variation encountered in masonry surfaces, job conditions and methods used. The purchasers shall make their own tests to determine the suitability of such products for a particular purpose.

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