



Coloring Methods for Polished Concrete Floors

When choosing a color for your concrete project there are two options to choose from, reactive stained concrete and dyed concrete. Below we will talk about each color and hopefully provide better clarity for which one fits your project the best.

Reactive Stained Concrete

Reactive concrete stains work with the existing chemical makeup of the concrete to produce variegated coloring throughout the surface. This coloring method typically produces a marbled appearance to the concrete surface. This coloring method provides permanent coloring to floor surfaces.

Pros

- Permanent Color – UV Stable – Can be used indoors or outdoors
- Variegated – Marbleized Look
- Unique and One-Of-A-Kind Look

Cons

- Not a good solution for exposed aggregate
- Longer Install – 1 Extra Day
- Customer must anticipate variation and differences in the floor.

Dyed Concrete

Dyes work the existing porosity of the concrete to penetrate into the surface layer of the concrete floor to color the surface. Dyes offer a more consistent and color matched look. This coloring method is very popular for interior concrete floor projects and commercial settings. This is the base level offering from Dancer Concrete Design.

Pros

- Affordable coloring option – Quicker Install
- Consistent – More reliable coloring
- Works well when exposing aggregate

Cons

- Cannot be used outdoors
- Dyes may fade when exposed to water long-term