



# SCOFIELD® Formula One™ K

A chemically reactive treatment based on potassium silicate developed to harden the surface, improve the appearance, and increase the durability and life span of architectural concrete floors and hardscapes.

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## 1. Product Description:

SCOFIELD® Formula One™ K is a penetrating, colorless, transparent liquid for use on concrete to reduce porosity, protect the surface, reduce dusting, significantly improve abrasion resistance and provide overall long-term durability. The low-odor material is a cost-effective treatment that also provides improved chemical resistance and a higher surface compressive strength. It helps reduce water permeability, reducing the absorption of water-soluble materials known to be harmful to concrete. It significantly extends the nominal service life of concrete floors.

SCOFIELD Formula One K is formulated for improved compatibility with colored concrete. It is also suitable for use on uncolored concrete. The protective treatment produces a breathable finish that enhances the natural beauty of the concrete surface, but is not a sealer. When it is applied to concrete, the surface remains vapor permeable (breathable), although liquid water permeability is significantly reduced. The finished concrete surface is nontoxic, easy to maintain, and environmentally sound after installation. SCOFIELD Formula One K is an economical solution to providing a longer life for concrete floors or hardscapes of all types.

SCOFIELD Formula One K does not contain sodium silicate. If used properly, it will not leave the whitish surface bloom characteristic of nonarchitectural sodium silicate products. This product is ideal for use on concrete floors in warehouses, distribution centers, retail stores, shopping centers, manufacturing sites, stadiums and arenas. It is suitable for interior floors and exterior hardscapes in industrial, commercial, public and retail buildings in areas subject to heavy pedestrian use and light utility vehicle traffic.

## 2. Coverage:

The application rate of SCOFIELD Formula One K is largely determined by the porosity of the concrete to be treated. Most concrete over 30 days old will require an application rate of 300–400 square feet per gallon (7–10 m<sup>2</sup>/L). Highly porous concrete may require a rate of 200–300 square feet per gallon (5–7 m<sup>2</sup>/L). Freshly placed, trowel-finished concrete may only require 400–500 square feet per gallon (10–12 m<sup>2</sup>/L). SCOFIELD Formula One K is applied in slight excess and the amount that does not penetrate is pushed off with a squeegee or washed off with fresh water rinses.

## 3. Limitations:

SCOFIELD Formula One K is not a membrane-forming curing compound. It does not conform to ASTM C 309 requirements.

SCOFIELD Formula One K is highly alkaline and can react with glass and aluminum. Such areas adjacent to the concrete to be treated should be properly covered for protection.

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On concrete surfaces treated with SCOFIELD Formula One K any subsequent acid treatments, such as the use of LITHOCHROME® Chemstain™ Classic, will leave white surface areas that are difficult to remove. On surfaces to be stained with LITHOCHROME Chemstain Classic, application must

be completed prior to the use of SCOFIELD Formula One K. Additional information is available in Scofield's Tech-Data Bulletin TD-1320 LITHOCHROME Chemstain Classic.

Concrete that has carbonated at the surface may lack the necessary components to complete the necessary chemical reactions. If surface carbonation is present it should be removed prior to application of SCOFIELD Formula One K. Light sandblasting or shot-blasting can be used to remove the carbonated concrete.

### WARNING!

SCOFIELD Formula One K is strongly alkaline and can quickly damage eyes, skin and other body tissues upon contact. Use of proper safety equipment is required. Before using or handling, read the *Material Safety Data Sheet and Warranty*.

### TEST SECTION

**Treating concrete flatwork takes skill and practice. Prior to general application, a representative jobsite test section must be produced and approved on each individual concrete surface as described in section 6. Jobsite Test Sections to verify and approve suitability, proper surface preparation methods, performance, wet and dry slip resistance, application techniques, and coverage.**

## 4. Colors, Textures and Slip Resistance:

When properly applied, SCOFIELD Formula One K will not alter the color or texture of architectural concrete. The treated concrete surfaces may develop a shiny, wet look, which may appear darker than the original installation. Only surfaces that have adequate texture to provide slip resistance should be considered for treatment with SCOFIELD Formula One K. After application of SCOFIELD Formula One K the slip resistance (Coefficient of Friction) should be determined to ensure that it is within established safety guidelines.

For safety considerations, a representative jobsite test section as described in section 6. *Jobsite Test Sections* must be produced prior to SCOFIELD Formula One K application. The entire surface of the test section must be inspected after completion to verify and approve the adequacy of wet and dry slip resistance.

## 5. Storage and Shelf Life:

Under normal conditions and when kept indoors, off of the floor, and within a temperature range of 40–100° F (4–38° C), the nominal shelf life of SCOFIELD Formula One K in unopened containers is 1 year from the date of manufacture. Opened containers should be closed after use and then used within 1 month and must be discarded if the material becomes cloudy. Inventory must be rotated to maintain product that is within shelf life limits.

SCOFIELD Formula One K must not be exposed to freezing temperatures. If SCOFIELD Formula One K becomes frozen it must be discarded.

**6. Jobsite Test Sections:**

To verify and approve suitability, appearance, and safety, representative test sections must be produced on the actual jobsite substrate prior to general application of SCOFIELD Formula One K. Test sections should be of adequate size to be representative, and be produced by the same workers who will apply the SCOFIELD Formula One K using the contemplated preparation and application equipment and techniques. All test sections should be prepared and treated as specified to verify and approve the suitability of the product for its intended purpose. The entire surface of the test section must be inspected after completion to verify and approve the adequacy of wet and dry slip resistance.

**7. Cautions:****WARNING!**

**MAY CAUSE EYE AND SKIN IRRITATION. SPRAY MIST MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO RESPIRATORY TRACT. INGESTION MAY BE HARMFUL. DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY. KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.** Contains silicic acid, potassium salt. Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not breathe vapors or spray mist. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. If you experience eye watering, headaches or dizziness or if air monitoring demonstrates vapor/mist levels are above applicable limits wear a properly fitted P100/organic vapor respirator (NIOSH TC-84A approved) during and after application. Follow respirator manufacturer's directions for respirator use.

First Aid: Eyes—DO NOT RUB EYES. FLUSH IMMEDIATELY WITH WATER. Hold eyelids apart while flushing material out thoroughly with large amounts of water. Skin—Wash thoroughly with soap and water. Remove soiled clothing and footwear and wash before reuse. Inhalation—Move to fresh air. If symptoms persist or develop or if ingested, get medical attention.

Wash thoroughly immediately after handling. Close container after each use. In case of spillage, absorb with inert material and dispose of in accordance with applicable regulations. Do not reuse empty container. Before using or handling, read the *Material Safety Data Sheet and Warranty*.

**8. Applicable Standards:**

No ASTM specifications exist at this time covering silicate treatments for concrete. Typical test results for 28 day old concrete or mortar specimens treated with SCOFIELD Formula One K as compared to similar concrete or mortar control specimens of the same age and composition are given in the table below.

**9. Sizes:**

SCOFIELD Formula One K is available in 5-gallon (18.9 L) pails and 55-gallon (208 L) drums.

**10. Equipment for Preparation and Application:**

When using equipment and materials during preparation and installation, suitable protective gear must be worn and government regulations, manufacturer's instructions, and all applicable safety requirements must be followed.

The use of a pressure washer, a rotary floor machine, a walk-behind scrubbing machine, or a terrazzo grinder will facilitate surface preparation.

A pump-type spray can, such as a Chapin or Hudson sprayer is required for application of SCOFIELD Formula One K. In addition to a pump sprayer any type of spray equipment that minimizes atomization such as a High Volume Low Pressure (HVLV) sprayer can be used. Power spraying equipment can also be used on larger projects. Airless sprayers must not be used. Spill-and-spread methods using a push broom are also commonly used. A soft-bristle or nylon bristle push broom is required to scrub SCOFIELD Formula One K into the surface after spray application. A squeegee is helpful for removing excess material and water. All equipment should be washed with soap and water after use.

**11. Substrate Preparation:**

Surrounding areas and adjacent surfaces should be protected from spills, tracking, and equipment contact. The work area should be roped off and appropriate sections closed to traffic.

Concrete floors or slabs that have tight or highly burnished trowel finishes must be opened to provide water permeability prior to application of SCOFIELD Formula One K. Acid etching must not be used as a means of surface preparation.

All oil, grease or other contaminants must be completely removed and the surface thoroughly rinsed prior to application of SCOFIELD Formula One K. After cleaning and rinsing is complete allow the wet concrete to dry before applying the Formula One K material so that the pores near the surface are not completely filled with water.

**12. Application:**

SCOFIELD Formula One K can be applied to freshly placed concrete immediately after finishing operations are complete and the concrete is hard enough to walk on and scrub using a soft-bristle push broom. However, optimum results are achieved after curing and drying for a minimum of 7 days prior to application. Apply SCOFIELD Formula One K at the coverage rate described in section 2. Coverage that is correct for the substrate condition.

After the proper amount is applied, brush the surface vigorously with a push broom or rotary floor machine to facilitate penetration. Allow SCOFIELD Formula One K to remain on the surface for at least 30 minutes. As necessary during this 30 minute minimum penetration period, keep the surface from drying by reapplying SCOFIELD Formula One K to areas that start to lose the wet-film sheen, then vigorously brush again using a push broom or floor machine to facilitate penetration. It is important to maintain a fluid condition of the in-place Formula One K material so that it can penetrate properly. If the applied material soaks in quickly the amount applied should be increased until the surface is flooded with a visible layer of material.

Test results for specimens treated with SCOFIELD Formula One K compared to control specimens

ASTM Test Method	Property Measured	Test Result (*compared to untreated control)
D 4060, H-22, 1000 g, 1000 cyc	Taber Abrasion Resistance	* 10–40% increase in abrasion resistance
D 4541	Elcometer pull-off adhesion	* 25–65% increase in bond strength
C 805	Rebound # Compressive	* 5–20% increase in compressive strength
Rilem Tube Method	Water uptake	* 10–40% absorption mL/hr
G-154, 1000 hr, 4/cond, 8/UV	Artificial weathering, UV	No change in color or appearance



Once the required treatment period is complete and the SCOFIELD Formula One K has been on the concrete surface for at least 30 minutes, use a squeegee and wet vacuum to remove excess material. After excess product removal, follow with at least two water rinses that are brush scrubbed into the surface, each of which is removed using a squeegee and wet vacuum.

Highly absorbent concrete will require two applications of SCOFIELD Formula One K. In this situation reapply SCOFIELD Formula One K after the rinsing cycle from the first application is complete following the application procedures outlined in the previous two paragraphs.

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Once adequate rinsing is complete, drying time will vary depending on relative humidity, temperature and air movement. Drying time could range from less than an hour to several hours.

When required or in certain other cases, such as during rapid drying conditions (hot, low humidity and/or windy), freshly placed concrete should be cured by moisture retention processes after the SCOFIELD Formula One K has been applied.

#### ■ 13. Maintenance:

Concrete surfaces treated with SCOFIELD Formula One K are generally maintenance free. After years of wear or when desired to enhance sheen or increase hardness, a maintenance reapplication can be made in accordance with section 12. *Application* on concrete treated only with SCOFIELD Formula One K. This spiff coat will restore original appearance and sheen in most cases. All coatings, waxes or other materials must be completely stripped and the floor dried and checked for water absorbency prior to the reapplication of SCOFIELD Formula One K.

#### ■ 14. Availability:

SCOFIELD Formula One K is marketed nationwide and internationally, directly to the user through strategically located warehouses, dealers, and representatives. Contact Scofield for its nearest representative.

Scofield offers a complete line of engineered systems for coloring, texturing, and improving performance in architectural concrete. Scofield Systems address specialized requirements for interior, exterior and vertical uses with compatible systems of complementary products including coloring admixtures, color hardeners, colored cementitious toppings, stains, curing compounds, sealers, coatings, repair products and texturing tools. Visit the Scofield website at [www.scofield.com](http://www.scofield.com) for further information.

#### ■ 15. Limited Warranty:

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