



OSO INDUSTRIES

## THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING OSO INDUSTRIES CONCRETE

At Oso Industries, all of our products are hand-made one at a time by our team of artisans in our Brooklyn studio. We have designed and built your piece with longevity and durability in mind and we hope you will enjoy it for many years to come.

### CONCRETE SEALANTS

Our work utilizes the most advanced concrete formulas and can be used in most environments and temperatures, but as with natural stone, concrete needs to be treated with care in order to maintain the finish and surface. Concrete is a porous material and can be stained if untreated, so in order to protect your concrete piece, it has been sealed in either one of two ways:

- Our **Natural Finish** is where we soak the concrete in penetrating water and stain repellent and then buff on a food safe wax. This allows the concrete to feel the most like natural stone and will develop a rich and interesting patina over time.
- Our **Protective Finish** uses the best chemistry-based sealer formula available, creating a combination of a penetrating and a topical sealer that is incredibly strong and very difficult to stain or mar, while still leaving a matte finish.

### CONCRETE CARE AND USE AND MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will ensure that your concrete looks and performs well for years to come. For general cleaning, we simply recommend using a cloth soaked in some warm water with dish soap. For heavier cleaning, we like all-purpose cleaners like Simple Green or Fantastic.

We also recommend using a maintenance cleaner and polish like Stonetech's Revitalizer, but any polish that is recommended for natural stone can be used on concrete. This can be applied as frequently as desired.

Although our sealers are able to withstand harsh liquids & chemicals, it is always recommended that these liquids are cleaned from the surface as quickly as possible. This includes highly acidic liquids (lemon juice, mustard, vinegar, wine, soda, citric acid, tomatoes) and other harsh chemicals or solvents (perfumes, ammonia, removers, hydrogen peroxide, etc.).

### THINGS TO BE AVOIDED

There are many caustic and damaging cleaning agents out there, including bleach, vinegar, and citric acid based general cleaners that can damage the surface of the concrete.

Avoid abrasive or pumice based cleansers, or scrubbing pads that can wear down the sealer.

Don't place hot pots and pans directly on your concrete surface as it can damage or discolor the sealer or wax. Use a trivet or a hot pad, and coasters for hot cups.

Avoid cutting directly on your concrete or dragging sharp, hard objects over the surface. Always use a cutting board when cutting and preparing foods.