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Solus Concrete Decor – TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Watermarks

- appear generally whitish or 'lighter' in colour
- caused by prolonged contact to moisture

Prevention

- avoid prolonged contact with moisture
- apply more coats of sealer

Repair

- buff lightly with a 'Scotch-brite' green pad using the palm of your hand

Stains

- generally appear darker than the surrounding surface
- caused by prolonged contact with any number of pigmented substances

Prevention

- avoid prolonged contact with substances, particularly heavily pigmented liquids and oils
- apply more coats of sealer

Clean

- scrub with neutral pH cleanser, such as Aquamix Tile and Grout Cleaner, diluted with water and soft brush
- For oils, clean minerals spirits may be used by applying the liquid directly, then reabsorbing with a cotton cloth or paper towel. Alternatively, use Aquamix Poultrice.
- Many oil stains will fade and leach out over time, if left alone

Chips and Dings

- a piece or chunk of concrete removed to expose aggregate
- caused by impact with a hard object

Prevention

- particularly during installation, avoid contact with hard objects such as metal tools, other stone products
- when setting pieces avoid direct contact between concrete pieces, use a shim or piece of cardboard to cushion

Repair

- use patching material following instructions provided



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Scratches

- generally appear as darker, slightly indented lines or slightly ragged, whitish gouges
- caused by dragging metal or other hard objects along surfaces

Prevention

- keep exposed areas clean and free from grit
- for tile, use felt furniture foot pads
- for fireplaces, avoid dragging fireplace accessories and screens along hearths
- if your fireplace has a door or screen assembly, ensure that it is secure and does not scrape along hearth or surround

Repair

- Scratches are the most difficult aesthetic problem to repair, many cannot be fixed
- Minor scratches may be remedied by buffing with a 'Scotchbrite' green pad
- Gouges may be filled using the patch kit as with 'chips'