

# Five Fabulous Finishes

In today's market you can build permanent exteriors as easily as you can "temporary" finishes, if you know what is available.



**Treating concrete with Dymacryl allows water to bead (right) while untreated concrete (left) is deeply stained by water absorption. Dymacryl prevents water penetration, thereby preserving the appearance of exposed masonry.**

**T**ides are turning in the exterior finish biz. Many big manufacturers are introducing novel products that you apply in novel ways that influence costs, appearance, water resistance and maintenance requirements. PBF believes that builders do not have to “earn” the right to gain the benefits of permanent performance finishes. Even beginning builders “deserve” to create the same level of beauty as builders with bigger wallets. Luckily, the world is changing. According to some sources, almost any builder can build permanent exteriors for the same coinage he would spend for “temporary” finishes.

In this issue, PBF reviews five leading brands of finishes and coatings. All of these systems are worthy of your consideration for even the most basic of jobs.

## Dymacryl

### Water-repellent masonry stain

Whether you are a masonry aficionado or a fence-sitter, Dampney’s Dymacryl Sierra Tone masonry stain could easily earn a permanent place in your tool box. Dymacryl is a water-repellent, color-stable, breathable coating that protects above-ground poured and pre-cast concrete, stucco, common and face brick, et. al., against freeze/thaw cycles, cracking and chemical deterioration.

Dymacryl is a combination of 100% acrylic polymers and copolymers, color stable inorganic pigments and surface penetrating agents. Unlike some masonry treatments that waterproof by sealing the surface, Dymacryl cures in the porous microstructure to form a lining in the pores but doesn’t completely seal them.

The lining is a water-repellent, semi-permeable barrier that “breathes.”

Dampney got its ducks in a row with Dymacryl. When applied over concrete and masonry surfaces, Dymacryl resists hydrolysis, acids, alkalis, salts, oxidizing agents, oils and other corrosive industrial chemicals. It doesn’t become brittle with age and won’t discolor, flake or yellow.

Without reservation, PBF’s reviewers praised Dymacryl. It is literally a very attractive finish. It goes on easily with a brush or roller or airless spray. We liked how it came ready to use and sets to dry in 20 to 30 minutes (although it cures fully in eight hours at 70 degrees).

*Dampney Company, Inc., in business since 1917, has been manufacturing Dymacryl® Water-Repellent Masonry Stains for more than 25 years. Dymacryl stains have been used to protect and beautify masonry surfaces of universities, malls, hospitals, stadiums, sound barriers, race tracks, and many other commercial, industrial, and institutional structures.*

*These sierra-tone stains surpass the performance criteria of many ASTM tests. They provide complete surface hiding power and will impart a colorfast, uniform appearance while preserving the original texture of the substrate. They will inhibit soiling of the surface, facilitate cleaning, and avoid darkening of surfaces when wet.*

*Dymacryl masonry stains are available in 10 aesthetically pleasing standard colors, and custom color formulations are readily available. Dymacryl is a registered trademark of Dampney Company, Inc.*

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