

# HistoCrete



HistoCrete has a historic and rustic look with character and strength. You can see examples of HistoCrete in Dubuque's Historic Millwork District.

## IS HISTOCRETE RIGHT FOR YOUR PROJECT?

**Do you want a unique aged look with character and strength?**

**Are you looking for a historic or rustic (weathered) appearance?**

**Are you looking to match your sidewalk or driveway to your existing concrete that was poured years ago?**

**HistoCrete contains a superior performing proprietary blend of concrete stone and cementitious materials which provides a historic and rustic look.** HistoCrete delivers a durable surface against freeze-thaw damage and does not need to be sealed. HistoCrete is the perfect mix that will display both the royal colors of the pea gravel along with the contrasts of the lighter lime stone. The true color shines when the applied surface retarder is washed away during the finishing process giving you an etched look of age and beauty. HistoCrete is perfect for any horizontal work types such as sidewalks, driveways, or patios.

**Q: How do I get the sandblast or "etched" look?**

**A:** After the mix has been poured and top has been finished, you will want to apply surface retarder/deactivator. There are different exposure depths that can be achieved and each brand of retarder/deactivator has a specified user guide. Apply retarder/deactivator only after finish troweling is complete.

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HistoCrete exposes concrete stone, pea gravel, and sand.

**Q: Can retarder be used on existing concrete to obtain an exposed look?**

**A:** No, surface retarder/deactivator must be applied to newly placed concrete. Surface retarder/deactivator will soften the surface cement paste allowing the underlying concrete to harden properly.

The difference is that a surface retarder is applied to the top of the finished slab and covered with visqueen and allowed to set overnight. When returning to the concrete, the surface is sprayed off with a garden hose or power washed lightly to expose the faces of the aggregate.

**Q: Where can HistoCrete be used?**

**A:** HistoCrete is most applicable for flat installation. Patios, sidewalks, and driveways are the best work types when using the surface retarder. Trying to achieve the same look on a vertical pour could be achieved by sand blasting the cured concrete and not using the surface retarder.

HistoCrete can be seen around Dubuque in many of the city sidewalks located in the Historic Millwork District. It offers a warm aged look that matches well with the downtown warehouse district. When properly installed, it will last just as long as the structure standing next to it.

**Contact your BARD Materials representative at (563) 583-6494 to learn more about HistoCrete.**

