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## CERTI-SHINE MICROSTAIN VS. ACID STAIN

Acid Stain	Certi-Shine MicroStain
Acid is the active ingredient and can cause deterioration to the concrete surface	Potassium Silicate is the main ingredient and adds abrasion resistance for the concrete
Needs topical film forming protection. These materials can peel, chip, crack and eventually wear through to the color. To correct this requires reapplication	Hard abrasion resistant floor developed immediately No re-application required
Limited wear life	10 year floor performance warranty
Acid Stain (Concrete) walk off	No color walk off
Color development can be difficult with certain concrete	Stains all concrete
Wide variations in color and intensity – produces a mottled appearance	Predictable color results
Limited color palette	Virtually any color is obtainable and not limited to interior applications
Must wait 28 days for concrete to cure	Applied to green concrete with supplemental curing
Acid stain wash off includes metallic hazardous materials.	Environmentally safe water based system
High maintenance costs	Low maintenance
Work area must be well ventilated due to chemical odors	Odorless, 0 VOC
Protective coatings trap in moisture and can potentially create failures	Breathable floor -- No moisture vapor problems