

F. A. Q.

Q: How much does sealcoat weigh per gallon?

A: Tuff Coat sealcoat typically has a specific gravity around 1.3733 which is equal to about 11.44 pounds per gallon.

Q: How clean do I need my pavement?

A: The pavement to be sealed needs to be very clean. It should be free of all loose dirt, gravel, weeds, and debris. Saturated oil spots also should be treated with an oil spot primer or removed. If the pavement is not scrupulously cleaned the sealer will be unable to form a proper bond.

Q: How should I clean my pavement?

A: Commercially, contractors employ the use of high power blowers and stiff bristled brooms. If your pavement area is not too large and you don't have access to a quality blower, you can thoroughly sweep it clean with a good broom. Alternatively you can use a pressure washer, just be sure to allow enough time to allow any pooled water to dry before applying the seal coat. Back pack style leaf blowers lack the necessary power to adequately clean the pavement surface.

Q: Will Tuff Coat stick to oil spots?

A: The answer varies from a sketchy possibly, to not at all depending on the size and degree of saturation. The easiest way to solve a troubling oil spot is to clean it the best you can with a stiff bristled wire broom followed by the use of a quality oil spot primer like the primer that we make and sell here at Seal Coat Supply. Oil Spot Primer provides exceptionally good results. However the oil spot will return if the same oil leaking vehicle returns to parking over the spot. The only true fix is to remove the entire spot, patch it, and remove the vehicle or source responsible.

Q: Do I need to apply a tack coat?

A: Tack coats are generally used when the pavement to be sealed is severely dry, oxidized, and thirsty looking. In most cases the use of a tack coat is not necessary or advised as Tuff Coat is already loaded with a sufficient amount of binder. Furthermore a good tack coat takes a certain degree of skill and knowledge as it must be properly diluted and applied in a rather thin fog coat. Although a properly applied tack coat will not be harmful in most cases; it can actually be a bad thing if applied to fresh young (under a year old) pavement. As it can cause the rich asphalt oils to, "bleed through" to the surface of the sealer leaving the surface sticky and, well, tacky.

Q: How many coats should I apply?

A: We at Seal Coat Supply highly recommend doing a two coat application. Two coats as opposed to one coat will result in a much more durable, longer lasting, and better looking finished job. The first coat will fill in most of the voids and

low spots. The second will finish filling the low spots where the first coat left off; add more of a coating to the higher surface rocks, cover up the squeegee marks from the first coat leaving the job more pleasing to the eye, and greatly increase the longevity of the finished sealer life. The first coat gets less coverage while the second shows an increase coverage area.

Q: What kind of coverage can I expect?

A: A typical average would be around 30-35 square feet per gallon using a two coat application. The first coat will get somewhere less coverage and the second coat having a greater coverage. The condition of the pavement is going to have a huge role in what kind of coverage you actually get. You will observe a decrease in coverage on a rough or old pavement condition and a coverage increase on smoother newer pavement.

Q: Do I have to use your sealcoat right away, how long can I store Tuff Coat?

A: No you do not have to use Tuff Coat right away. Tuff Coat has a very long shelf life as long as it is not allowed to freeze and there is a lid in place so that it will not dry out. Extended storage times will require you to stir it up as storage time does induce compaction of all the solids. Once stirred up the Tuff Coat will be ready to go.

Q: When is it too late in the season to sealcoat?

A: It depends on the weather. The pavement temperature should be at least 50 degrees and rising when the sealcoat is applied. The sealer bond can be destroyed or compromised if there is drop in temperature below 32 degrees up to a 10 day period after application even if it appears to be totally dry. If you are sealing your driveway we usually recommend that you don't sealcoat from the middle of September on as driveways often have many shadow areas, sprinklers, etc. It is our stance that you run a risk anytime after mid-September. For more fall weather information; see our Autumn seal coat Advisory in the literature section of our website.

Q: Can I use Tuff Coat to fill the cracks?

A: No, Tuff Coat is not designed or intended to fill cracks. You will need to fill the cracks with a quality crack filler prior to seal coating. Seal Coat Supply does manufacture quality cold pour crack filler.

Q: Do I need to keep Tuff Coat sealcoat hot?

A: No. As long as temperatures are not freezing, ambient temperatures are fine.

Q: Can I mix Tuff Coat with other brand seal coats?

A: We recommend that you don't mix different brand sealcoats. Because we do not know the chemistry and demands of other seal coat brands. However Tuff Coat is very user friendly and stable so it is highly likely that you could get away with blending. The risk is up to you and we can not be held responsible for any adverse reactions to blending.

Q: Can I dilute your sealcoat, how much should I dilute your sealcoat, is it best not to dilute at all?

A: Yes, we recommend diluting 10-15% by volume with water. In the peak heat of summer we have many contractors who will dilute up to 20%.

Q: How long should I keep traffic off?

A: You can return traffic as soon as the sealcoat is dry enough to walk on. However, it is best if you can keep traffic off, or just light traffic for up to 24 hours when possible. Newly applied sealcoat will be sensitive to power steering scuffing for a few weeks especially during the peak heat of summer, scuffing is normal and no cause for concern as it will blend back in. Tuff Coat users experience a minimal amount of scuffing when compared to many other emulsion based sealcoats.

Q: How long does it take your sealcoat to dry?

A: Dry times depend on many variables such as: air and pavement temperatures, humidity, dilution ratio, pavement condition, shadows, air currents, etc. Tuff Coat is a very fast drying sealcoat. In most cases, by the time you finish the first coat you will be able to go back to where you started and begin the second coat.

Q: Can I and should I add sand or any other additives?

A: You could but it is unnecessary as Tuff Coat is precision engineered to be complete without any additives of any kind. In fact we find Tuff Coat to perform at its best without any aftermarket additives.

Q: What should I use to clean the sealcoat off of me and my tools?

A: If you get to it while it is still wet, you can get most of the sealcoat off of you and your tools with water. To wash the sealer from your hands you can use hand cleaners such as gojo or fast orange. If the sealcoat is on tools and not too thick you can use products like, oil flo, wd-40, diesel, etc.

Q: How do you sell your sealcoat, can I bring my own buckets or barrels?

A: At Seal Coat Supply we sell new 5 gallon buckets and 55 gallon drums that you can purchase and reuse. We do **not** accept returned buckets or drums after you are done with the job no matter how clean they are. You can bring in any container you want to have filled as long as it has at least a 2 inch diameter opening. We highly recommend that any containers you bring in have removable lids as the Tuff Coat is fairly thick and can be hard to get out of a narrow opening furthermore, it is important to be able to stir the Tuff Coat up if it sits for a prolonged period or if you wish to dilute it with water.

Q: How should I spread your sealcoat?

A: Most commonly our customers employ the use of squeegees. We sell squeegees in various sizes ranging from 2-6 foot in one foot increments. Three foot being the most common size for driveway use.

Q: Is it easy?

A: Yes with proper planning, preparation, and tooling. Some things to consider would include: oil spot treatment, crack filling, volume needed etc. Simple tools needed will include: a good broom, blower, (a backpack style leaf blower lacks necessary power) or pressure washer to clean the pavement prior to sealcoating; a squeegee, disposable clothes & shoes, a garden hose, and a helper with a strong and able back.

Q: Can you recommend a quality contractor to do the work for me?

A: Absolutely! If you call us at (801)546-1839 we would be happy to give you a list of quality contractors using Tuff Coat.

Q: How should I fill my cracks?

A: When available, we make top quality cold pour crack filler. Otherwise you will need to hire a contractor to apply a hot rubberized crack filler.

Q: Do you guys at Seal Coat Supply spread the sealcoat or are you just the manufacturer?

A: We are the manufacturer only. We are more than happy to supply you with a list of qualified contractors using Tuff Coat.

Q: Is your sealcoat the same as slurry seal?

A: No, slurry seal is another specialized product that is mixed with a specialized truck on the job site at the time of application.

Q: Can you ship Tuff Coat to me?

A: We ship a minimum of 3,000 gallons at a time. Most commonly we ship 4,200 gallons which is our maximum weight that we can legally haul. It is best to purchase a full 4200 gallons because the shipping cost will be the same no matter what volume. You must also have a tank to offload in; we do not ship barrels or buckets.

Q: Will Tuff Coat stick to cement?

A: If you want it to stick to cement, it probably will not. If you don't want it to stick to cement it probably will. In other words, Tuff Coat is not designed to seal cement.

Q: Is Tuff Coat water based or oil based?

A: The short and quick answer is water based as you can dilute and clean with water. The correct answer is emulsion based. Tuff Coat uses an asphalt emulsion that is a mix of water and asphalt oil. While Tuff Coat is in its liquid form it can be diluted and cleaned with water, once it is dried and cured it actually repels water.

Q: Can I spray Tuff Coat?

A: Tuff Coat is very spray able. However spraying is not a very feasible idea unless you are a contractor planning to do sealcoat work consistently through the

summer. Simply because there is a fair amount of specialized equipment and knowledge required.

Q: How long should I wait to apply Tuff Coat to my new pavement?

A: A minimum of 3-6 months is recommended. It is best to sealcoat new pavement within a year's time.

Q: Should I spray the pavement with a mist of water before sealing?

A: In the heat of the summer it is advisable and advantageous to spray a fine **mist** to gently dampen the pavement. This practice will break the surface tension allowing an easier more uniform spread, and cool the pavement temperature to allow the sealcoat to dry and cure slow enough for a proper evenly dispersed dried film.

Q: Where are you located?

A: We are located in Layton, Utah. 1735 W. 1000 N. 84041

Q: What are your hours of business?

A: April to early October. Monday through Friday our hours are 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. We are open on Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. May through mid-September only.