



# TEX•COTE® WASH-GUARD™ System Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the TEX•COTE® WASH-GUARD™ System?**

The WASH-GUARD™ System is a vertical wall coating system that has superior chemical resistance to soaps, oil, grease, dirt, and other chemicals commonly found in the carwash industry and in other high-traffic areas such as quick-lubes, airport terminals, meat packing plants, etc. The WASH-GUARD™ System eliminates the need to use acid washes to clean your walls.

## **How does the WASH-GUARD™ System work?**

The WASH-GUARD™ System is a three-part system that consists of a primer, colored finish coat, and protective clear coat. The system can also be applied to PVC, tile, vinyl, and similar surfaces in white as a two-part system using a white primer and protective clear coat or in color as a three-part system using a primer, colored finish coat, and protective clear coat. For more details, see the “Carwash Coatings Systems” section at <http://www.texcote.com/specs.php>.

## **What surfaces can the WASH-GUARD™ System be applied to?**

The WASH-GUARD™ System can be applied to concrete, CMU block, tilt-up or pre-cast concrete, cement fiberboard, and unglazed brick with the WASH-GUARD™ Classic Primer. It can also be applied to PVC panels, tile, and other “slick” surfaces with the TEX•BOND™ Bonding Primer. Contact TEX•COTE® for approval on other substrates. Adhesion tests may be necessary.

## **Can the WASH-GUARD™ System be applied over previously coated surfaces?**

Yes. The WASH-GUARD™ System can be applied over surfaces previously coated with the exception of epoxy or alkyd coatings. All loose, flaking, or oxidized paint should be removed from the surface by sand blasting, water blasting, scraping or wire brush to obtain maximum adhesion.

## **How is the WASH-GUARD™ System applied?**

The WASH-GUARD™ Classic Primer, TEX•BOND™ Primer, and WASH-GUARD™ COOLWALL® finish coat can be applied either by roller or commercial grade airless sprayer. The WASH-GUARD™ CLEARCOTE should be applied by roller. See [www.texcote.com/specs.php](http://www.texcote.com/specs.php) for more application details.

## **How long will the WASH-GUARD™ System last?**

The WASH-GUARD™ System should last in excess of 10 years if maintained properly. The WASH-GUARD™ CLEARCOTE should be re-applied periodically if necessary in areas that receive heavy chemical build (i.e. directly under brushes and dispensers).

## **What are the application rates and coats required for the WASH-GUARD™ System?**

WASH-GUARD™ Classic Primer is applied in one coat at a rate of 100 square feet per gallon. WASH-GUARD™ TEX•BOND™ Primer is applied in one coat at a rate of 400 square feet per gallon. The WASH-GUARD™ COOLWALL® finish coat is applied in two coats at a rate of 400 square feet per gallon for each coat (overall coverage rate of 200 square feet per gallon). WASH-GUARD™ CLEARCOTE is applied in two coats at a rate of 350 square feet per gallon for each coat (overall coverage rate of 175 square feet per gallon).

## **How much time is required between coats of the WASH-GUARD™ System?**

WASH-GUARD™ Classic Primer, TEX•BOND™ Primer, and WASH-GUARD™ COOLWALL® finish coat are typically dry to touch within 1-2 hours and can be re-coated after 4-6 hours. WASH-GUARD™ CLEARCOTE can be re-coated once it is dry to touch, typically 24 hours. NOTE: Drying/ re-coat times will vary greatly based on temperature and humidity and will be longer in areas with limited airflow. Fans are recommended for use in enclosed spaces such as automated tunnels to speed up the drying/ curing times.

## **How much does the WASH-GUARD™ System cost?**

For a typical four bay site with approximately 3,500 square feet of masonry wall to be coated, the material cost for the entire WASH-GUARD™ System is approximately \$1.40 per square foot. The material cost for the entire WASH-GUARD™ System to coat PVC, tile, vinyl, and similar surfaces in white is approximately \$0.75 per square foot and in color is approximately \$1.10 per square foot.

## **Once the WASH-GUARD™ System is applied, can the walls be repainted or color be changed?**

Yes, once applied, the WASH-GUARD™ CLEARCOTE can be cleaned, slightly sanded, and recoated with the WASH-GUARD™ COOLWALL® finish coat and another application of the WASH-GUARD™ CLEARCOTE.