

# GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT

## AN "INTEGRAL SYSTEM" APPROACH

The three basic steps:

1. **Proper surface preparation:** The surface to be protected must be free of dust, dirt, silicon, rust, non-patent paint, etc. A simple water and light detergent wash may suffice, followed by a clear water rinse, and then completely dried. Sand, bead, or water-blasting may be required for removal of stubborn contaminants.
2. **Proper surface protection:** Coat the surface to be protected with one of the following products. Each will produce a highly durable chemical and graffiti-resistant surface.

**KrystalKote™** is a monolithic, non-porous surface coating, possessing outstanding resistance to pigments, caustic chemicals, solvents, abrasion impact, vibration, expansion, contraction and fading from UV-sunlight. May be pigmented to computer-match any color, or used as a clear-coat to protect existing custom paint designs. Available in glossy, flat, or high-gloss finishes. Under normal working conditions, **KrystalKote™** is extremely flexible, and will not crack, peel, fade or yellow in harsh environments. The clear-coat will protect underlying pigmented paints from UV-fading, and will not yellow. Virtually no chemical will damage, stain, or stick to **KrystalKote™**. Impervious to solvents, paints, permanent marking pens, inks, pesticides, road salt, acids, alkalis, algae, wet concrete/cement, oils hydraulic fluids, gasoline, diesel fuel, etc. **KrystalKote™** is USDA-Approved for use in food processing and handling environments. Graffiti will not bond to **KrystalKote™**. Excellent for exterior and interior applications.

**KrystalTred™** is a non-slip coating designed for high traction areas for foot or vehicular traffic. Retains all of the features of **KrystalKote™** with the added quality of being catalytically "puckered" to provide a custom, variable texture for steps, slopes, floors, decking, running boards, catwalks, etc. Medium grey, or any custom or standard color. Will not stain and graffiti will not adhere to **KrystalTred™**. An organic aggregate, **TexShel®**, may be broadcast-distributed for added traction in consistently wet, or specific areas of concern.

Once a non-porous surface has been established, cleaning is achieved by:

3. **Proper surface maintenance:** **GT-1000™** and **GT-2000™** are two very efficient, gel-type graffiti removers, paint strippers and general cleaners, thickened for use on vertical surfaces. Both are non-toxic, non-flammable, non-caustic, 100% bio-degradable and environment-friendly. Excellent replacements for acidic citrus-based cleaners, petroleum-based solvents and other high-VOC chemicals. None of the ingredients contained in **GT-1000™** or **GT-2000™** are classified as hazardous by any state or federal agency, nor are they required to have established PEL, OSHA or AGCIH TLV ratings. Both can be applied to any surface (brick, concrete, glass, metal, plastic, wood, **live trees**, etc.) with a spray bottle, roller, cloth or pressure sprayer, and can be easily neutralized and rinsed away with plain water.

This integrated "**Graffiti Management System**" can provide immediate savings in time and labor, and will normally amortize over an 18-month period.

**KrystalKote™** has an effective lifetime up to 10-years, or longer, with no appreciable changes in cleaning characteristics. Cite warranty for specifics on color retention, UV-resistance and finish. **KrystalKote™** will not lose gloss, cannot be chemically etched or otherwise be effected by the solvents present in spray-paint, permanent markers, or other forms of graffiti-tint application. NO graffiti shadowing will result after protective coating with **KrystalKote™**.

**GT-1000™** and **GT-2000™** begin to work in seconds, and can remove even the most stubborn graffiti (such as enamel spray paint) within minutes. Adhesive-attached materials (such as bumper stickers) can also be removed, leaving no residual material. Correction fluid ("White-Out"), grimy soot deposits and baked-on grease, "break-up" upon exposure to either **GT-1000™** and **GT-2000™**, and completely rinse away with just plain water.

This recommended combination of **KrystalKote™** and **GT-1000™/GT-2000™** is on the cutting edge for user-friendly and environmentally-safe graffiti management and non-solvent cleaning of even the most difficult deposits.

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Although **GT-1000™** or **GT-2000™** can be very effective by themselves, caution must be used on characteristically "soft" paints such as latex, or other water-base paints. Often, these paints can be removed as easily as the overlying graffiti itself. High quality paints minimize this problem. On porous surfaces (such as concrete block walls), a short-haired natural-bristle scrub brush is recommended to fully penetrate the gel into the embedded graffiti. Some heavily textured surfaces may require a second or third treatment. Refer to the **GT-1000™/GT-2000™ Data** sheet for detailed user instructions.

As you are aware, removing paint from a porous surface can be labor intensive and cost prohibitive. The best cost effective use of your fiscal and man-power resources, is the use of an efficient anti-graffiti coating in anticipation and prevention of potential graffiti damage. **KrystalKote™** or **KrystalTred™**, in tandem with **GT-1000™** or **GT-2000™**, can provide the correct solutions to your specific problems. No shadow is left after graffiti removal from any of our coatings, nor deterioration of finish. No residue is left from either of our cleaners, when properly applied and rinsed.

A ONE TIME cost of permanent anti-graffiti coverage using **KrystalKote™**, will average @ 40¢ per sq. ft., and the subsequent use of **GT-1000™** or **GT-2000™** for absolute graffiti removal, costs @ 1 - 1½¢ per sq. ft.

Our "Technical Support" staff can be reached via phone, fax, or e-mail to analyze your particular situation, and co-operatively devise a working solution for your specific problem. Please contact TWI at your convenience.

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