

## Sculpture by Design: Instructions, Suggestions & Care of Your Concrete Purchase

**Artistic concrete creations are designed and built by hand using concrete that is "Glass Fiber Reinforced."** Three types of glass fibers, mesh and/or ladder wire are used in most procedures, followed by 2-5 coats of sealer. Additives are added for cold weather environments to extend the life of concrete. Production can take 4 to 5 weeks to produce by hand. Extremely strong, durable, allowing us to be more creative. We stamp, carve, or sculpt concrete to emulate the look of wood, bark, slate, rock or hand finished designs.

**We hand stain all tops to emulate the look of a natural stone, therefore imperfections in the process of hand building and staining will create a "one of a kind work of art" and should be accepted for the character and uniqueness of each piece.**

You may need to use wood shims for leveling when placing your item as decks and patios are sloped for water run off.

This is a concrete product and with all concrete it will have imperfections that may show up at sometime; such as but not limited to: hairline shrinkage fissures from natural curing, small air voids on the surface may pop open but are small and can be touched up with paint. When hairline micro-fissures do show up the structural integrity will not be affected with this mix design used; concrete will not break away unless forced by unusual methods. Hairline micro-fissures can be touched up using some paint with thin brush and blotting. Sealer should be applied after. Touch ups should be done between 65 to 70 degrees, not cold, humid or rainy weather.

When moving any table remove the top first and then move base to desired area. Never pull item by hand across the floor or ground as you may cause some type of damage in the process as well as this is unsafe method.

### **Fire Tables:**

The electronic starter is warranted for 1 year by manufacture, this is the only part we have replaced since 2008 when we started to build fire tables by hand. This type of starter is found on BBQ grills and if not under warranty we can have manufacture ship a new one for a fee. If the starter does not start, first check the battery inside the push button starter, please do not over tighten this button as you can strip the threads and it will not tighten. Next check the gas in your propane tank. Next check the 2 wires that connect from the bowl to the starter button, you may have pulled them out when removing bowl to change your tank, again be careful not to pull or push too hard on parts. If damaged you can find these wire connections such as hardware store or Radio Shack. You can use a stick lighter to start your fire table if needed.

When removing fire bowl to change propane tank, please put a blanket down first on table top as there are screws on the bottom of the bowl that can scratch into the concrete finish.

Starter Key we suggest put in a safe place so children can not play with gas control or lose your key. We can give you the manufacture's website if you need a new key. They are generic.

Fire bowl cover is concrete and should be picked up and removed to the side when not using. **Do not sit or drag across concrete top it is heavy and rough finish on bottom, this will scratch your table.** *We suggest to buy some rubber bumper pads and glue on bottom of cover for protection from scratching, place them about 2" from edge so it lays flat on top of bowl. Do to the thinness of the "Cover" you will see the hairline micro-fissures, cover shouldn't break in half unless dropped or mistreated.*

The **concrete sealers** we use are resistant to natural weather and scratches however we have never found a sealer to be 100% resistant to the elements and abuse, so we suggest you treat your concrete with care and to re-seal every 2-5 years. We can sell or help you find sealer. Deep scratches can be touched up with paint by blotting on / off or buffing out with a soft car buffer style tool.

All concrete is hand built by us, not finished on a machine or in a factory, therefore, no two pieces are identical and you should expect imperfections which make every sculpture **one of a kind piece of art!**