



FIRST MONTH · WHAT TO EXPECT

After your piece *arrives*.

Concrete is a living material for the first few weeks. Here's what's normal, what's not, and what to do about it.

WORTH KNOWING Two things in one. The **piece itself** is an heirloom — it weathers into the garden over decades. The **water feature** attached to it — pump, hose, flow — is a **system**, like a pool or aquarium. Maintenance comes with the territory.

FIRST MONTH In five parts

01

The chalky white residue

Lime working its way out of the cure, three or four weeks. Not a defect — weathers off. **Speed it up:** wipe with a cloth and clean water, then white vinegar diluted 1:4.

02

Fine hairline marks

Concrete shifts as it cures. Very fine lines in the first month are surface-only and seal themselves when the piece is next wet. If a line gets wider after a month, see the care & repair guide.

03

Setting it down properly

50 mm sand pad on grass or dirt, level with a spirit level. Plastic shims on pavers. **Never on bare dirt** — water collects underneath and the base sits unevenly within a year.

04

The first fill

Fill the bowl, run the pump for an hour, drain, refill once. Rinses out cement dust from the cure so it doesn't clog the pump. From the second fill on, top up as needed.

05

After about six weeks

Lime stops coming through, hairlines have closed, the colour settles. From here on the piece looks after itself — see the care & repair guide for the small things to do once or twice a year.

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