



## **Pavers (Paving Stones) vs. Stamped Concrete**

### **Weigh the Differences:**

#### **Paver Pros:**

- Doesn't crack
- Paver patio life soars beyond stamped concrete life
- Versatile: can create driveways, patios, walkways, pool decks, etc.
- Long term cost effective
- Weather sturdy
- Little maintenance, easy upkeep
- Recent and rapid popularity
- First class beauty
- Interlocked, individual units or bricks to eliminate inherent cracking of concrete pavement
- Installed over bases of crushed concrete and stone chips, therefore increasing structural capacity overtime
- Second strongest paving material (minimum 8000 psi), the strongest being brick
- Unlike brick, however, most pavers come with a lifetime warranty
- Provide more custom looks and designs
- If repairs are needed for any reason, pavers are uniformed and thus can be easily replaces without leaving patches or maintenance scars
- Available in an array of surface finishes, colors, and shapes, therefore increasing the customization possibilities
- Can be used immediately after installation
- Includes elements that facilitate skid resistance and decrease nighttime glare as well as less slippery pool environments
- Natural stone look

#### **Stamped Concrete Pros:**

- Appearance is similar to pavers
- Low cost per square foot

## **Stamped Concrete Cons:**

- Steep actual cost in the long term due to its inexpensive option from inevitable cracking
- Inevitable cracking (that can crack at any spot across the surface) as a result from freezing, thawing, and several other changes in weather
- Poor durability
- Difficult to repair
- Difficult to match color and composition of original concrete to match each repair
- Alternative to cracking is replacing the entire structure
- Need 3-5 days after installation to cure; cannot be used immediately