

LaHabra® Plaster Mix

A decorative interior and exterior lime-based plaster wall finish used to create versatile textures.



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Architectural Specification Guide

Description

Plaster Mix is a decorative lime-based plaster and stucco finish for interior and exterior use. It offers a near infinite number of textures such as ultra smooth, spray and sand finish. It is formulated with both portland cement and lime for strength and durability. It can be mixed with water or with Admix100 for superior adhesion and toughness. It can be stained, glazed, painted or left as is for a natural finish.

Uses

Use Plaster Mix as a plaster or stucco finish coat for walls and special decorative features. It is recommended for both interior and exterior environments and is compatible with most plaster basecoats as well as primed interior gypsum board, concrete or masonry surfaces.

Advantages

- Surfaces can be stained, glazed, painted or left unaltered for a natural looking appearance
- Textures that include ultra smooth, spray and sand can be created quickly and easily
- Increasing the ratio of Admix100 to water for mixing with Plaster Mix increases its performance
- Easy to clean and maintain

Packaging

50 lb. bag

Coverage

- Textured surfaces
40 - 50 sq. ft. per bag
- Smooth surfaces
80 - 100 sq. ft. per bag

This information is designed to guide you and has been conscientiously compiled according to the latest state of our technology. No liability can be accepted in connection with the use of the product because of the great variety of applications and working conditions.

Color

Plaster mix can be colored with LaHabra Antiquing Gel or painted with quality acrylic latex paints.

Surface Preparation

Surfaces must be structurally sound, clean, dry and free from grease, oil, dirt, curing compounds, sealers, adhesives, or any contaminant that would prevent a good bond. Once contaminants are removed it is recommended to apply a primer as a bonding agent. Interior drywall should be finished to a level 3 finish.

Mixing

- Mix 1 quart of LaHabra Admix 100 with 3 quarts of water.
- Add the 50 lb bag of Plaster Mix gradually and mix slowly until a uniform, workable consistency is achieved.
- Let stand for 5 minutes and remix. If mixture needs more liquid, add more until you reach a working consistency.
- Working time is 45-60 minutes depending on temperature and relative humidity. Once mixed, the product should be applied immediately.
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Application

LaHabra requires that all applicators attend an educational seminar on LaHabra Specialty Finishes. LaHabra recommends that the project owner or designer approve a job site mock-up of the application of this product. The mock-up should demonstrate the products' appearance under the conditions given by the project specification(s).

Smooth Texture: Apply two tight coats to the smoothest texture possible. Let sit until almost dry (approximately 30-60 minutes). Using a non-blackening steel trowel, flatten and trowel the material until smooth texture is achieved. Sprinkle with water if necessary for better workability.

Sand Finish Texture: Apply two coats (for a total of about 1/16"). Let sit until almost dry. Using a sponge float, float the material until a sand texture is achieved. Sprinkle with water if necessary for better workability.

Spray Texture: Apply using a hopper gun. Material must be mixed slightly wetter compared to a trowel finish. To achieve a slurry type consistency, increase the water to 2-2.5 gallons per bag.

- Apply Plaster Mix in continuous application, free from cold joints or other deficiencies detrimental to appearance and performance.
- Continuously apply in one general direction, maintaining a wet edge. If the full width of the wall cannot be covered at one time, terminate application at natural divisions of the surface such as control joints or corners. Do not bridge expansion or control joints.
- Use high quality, non-blackening steel trowels. Contact Technical Services for the specific types of trowels for your intended results.

Clean Up

Clean the tools frequently using fresh water. Plaster Mix build-ups are very difficult to remove.

Maintenance

LaHabra Plaster Mix can be cleaned with a soap and water solution followed by a warm water rinse. Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners.

Storage and Handling

- Transport and store Plaster Mix in closed, undamaged containers.
- Protect from moisture.
- Avoid eye and skin contact. In case of contact, flush with clean water and seek medical attention if irritation persists.

Shelf Life

If the product remains in an unopened, undamaged, original sealed bag that is properly transported and stored, Plaster Mix has a shelf life of up to 6 months.

Cautions & Limitations

Plaster Mix is not recommended for use:

- For vertical substrates with large imperfections, unless imperfections are needed for the design.
- When substrate is dirty, oily or has loose materials.

Use only when surface and air temperatures are above 40°F (4°C) during application and drying time. Do not allow to freeze until completely dry. Always wear proper safety equipment, including particle mask, eye protection and gloves when mixing and/or applying this product.

Technical and Field Services available upon request.

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