

## Stucco Finishing Products Technical Bulletin

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### *There are Three Types of Stucco Finishing Products*

The textures that can be achieved with each of them are as follows;

**LaHabra Exterior Stucco Color Coat 16/20** is considered the standard stucco-finishing product; it contains #16 and #20 silica sand. This product is used for applications such as, (a single coat application) standard Float finish or a same day two coat textured-Skip troweled (Knock Down,) and a true two coat (next day) Machine Applied/Dash finish, ranging from Light to Medium and Heavy, also a Brochette (a machine applied Knock Down dash.)

**LaHabra 20/30** is a two coat same day application (scratch and double) commonly considered a high-end residential and a commercial level finish. This product is used for applications such as, Fine Float, Mission Style, Free Style, Skip Troweled (Knock Down), and Extra Fine or Light Machine Applied/Dash Finish.

**Santa Barbara Mission Finish (SBMF)** contains only # 30 silica sand. This is a two coat application (scratch and double) product is used for applications such as, Smooth, Semi Smooth, Cat Face, Mission, and Free Style Finishes.

Many other Finishes can be achieved or Developed with all of LaHabra's finishes based on the Applicators techniques and level of experience. Smooth finishes are the most difficult and requiring the highest level of experience.

Uniform colors should not be expected with Smooth level finishes, due to several factors such as, variations in suction of the brown coat and the amount of water used in the finishing process. The smoother the desired finish level, the greater the amount of water is required and the lighter and more mottled the final color will become. If a uniform color in a smooth finish is required, an acrylic based primer and paint is recommended over the finish, in order to achieve this uniform color level. Parex USA, Inc. does not recommend the application of elastomeric coatings or finishes over smooth stucco surfaces.

Many types of materials require two coats, (Scratch and double up method) to achieve the particular finishes that they are designed for. These finishes include but are not limited to, 16/20 used for a Skip troweled and Machine/Dash finishes, most 20/30 applications and all SBFM applications.

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