

Alto

Acrylic Plaster Finish and Basecoat



DESCRIPTION:

- Acrylic polymer based, trowel applied plaster finish and basecoat.
- Create the look of a lightly mottled veneer plaster or a distressed old world marmorino plaster finish.
- May be accented using VariStain™ or Antiquing Gel to increase color variation.

USES:

- EIFS.
- Properly prepared masonry, stucco, and concrete surfaces.
- Interior application over drywall, plaster, or properly prepared masonry or concrete.

COLORS:

- Standard colors: refer to Variance color chart.
- Custom colors available upon request.

COMPOSITION:

- VOC content: <20 grams per liter
- Meets SCAQMD Rule 1113 when using Parex USA Non-VOC Colorants.

COVERAGE:

Coverage will vary depending on surface conditions and thickness of application.

- 175-200 ft² (16-18.6 m²) per 5 gallon pail (two coats).

CONTAINER:

60 lbs (27.2 kg) net weight in 5 gal. plastic pails.
8 lbs (3.6 kg) net weight in 1 gal. plastic pails.

- Storage: Protect from direct sunlight and keep from freezing.
- Do not stack 5 gal. pails more than 3 pails high.
- Shelf life: Reference Parex USA Expiration Date of Products Technical Bulletin.

DRYING TIME:

- Avoid heavy rain, traffic or cleaning for 48 hours after application.
- 3-4 hours under normal conditions.
- High humidity and low temperatures extend drying time.

CLEAN-UP:

- Clean tools frequently using clean water prior to drying.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

- Substrate must be clean, dry, sound and free of contaminants such as dust, oil, mildew and efflorescence.
- Ambient conditions, substrate and the product itself must be at a minimum of 40°F during application and at least 48 hours following.
- Cement and gypsum plaster basecoats should cure for at least 7 days before finishing.

Masonry

- Concrete and plaster surfaces should be thoroughly cured before application.
- Poured concrete surfaces should cure for at least 28 days before finishing.
- Remove all form release agents and efflorescence and grind down form lines or other irregularities which protrude from the plane of the substrate.
- Pre-fill any depressions in the plane of the substrate such as holes and cracks using Variance™ ArmourPlast or an approved patching/joint compound.

New Drywall:

- Treat all joints, fasteners and accessories with the industry standard joint treatment system for attaining a Level 3 finish as outlined in Gypsum Association publication GA-214, "Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish".

- Substrate must be clean. Remove all foreign matter, alkali deposits, oil, dirt, etc.
- Painted surfaces must be primed with VariPrime.
- For additional options, contact Parex USA Technical Support.

MIXING:

- Thoroughly mix with a paddle mixer to a homogeneous consistency at low rpm.
- Up to 8 ounces of clean, potable water may be added to adjust viscosity. Close container when not in use.

APPLICATION:

- Parex USA 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 product's appearance under the conditions given by the project specification(s).
- Periodically, as the work progresses, evaluate it from a distance to ensure the desired effect is being produced across the entire surface.
- If installing in a wet environment, the Variance High Humidity Wet Areas specification must be followed.
- Prime surface using VariPrime™ and allow to dry completely.
- Apply Alto™ with a standard stainless steel plaster trowel. Apply the first coat of Alto™ using decorative, multi-directional trowel strokes. Achieve the bulk of the filling/leveling the substrate will require with the first coat. Allow the first coat to dry completely before proceeding.
- Inspect the first coat and scrape or sand down high trowel marks and lap lines before proceeding.
- Apply the second coat of Alto™ using decorative, multi-directional trowel strokes at a thickness of the largest aggregate that is in the material. The second coat of Alto™ may be applied in a full coverage coat to create a smooth plaster finish. Alternatively the second may be textured, leaving some of the first coat exposed in areas creating a distressed old world appearance.

- Allow the second coat to dry slightly and then water-trowel. This is achieved by applying a film of water from a spray bottle set to a fine mist to the surface and then troweling smooth. VariStain™ may be used during the water-trowel process to increase color variation.
- After the second coat has dried to the touch it can be slightly polished using a clean, dry stainless steel trowel.
- Antiquing Gel may be applied after the surface has dried to increase color variation.

LIMITATIONS:

- Use only on surfaces that are sound, clean, dry, and free from any residue that might affect the ability of this product to bond to the surface.
- The use of a sealer is recommended in high moisture or high traffic areas.
- Ambient and surface temperature must be 40°F (4°C) or higher during application and drying time. Provide supplemental heat and protection from moisture as needed.
- Application in direct sunlight in hot weather may adversely affect aesthetics.
- 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.
- In case of contact with eyes, flush with clean water and seek medical attention if irritation persists
- Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners. Wash using a soap and water solution, followed by a warm water rinse. Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners.

WARNING:

- Read complete warning information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-800-424-9300.
- For more information on handling this product refer to its Safety Data Sheet (SDS). The most current SDS and Product Data Sheet (PDS) can be found on our website.
- This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about the guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, Parex USA, Inc. cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.

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