Application Tips

SHEETROCK[®] Brand Wall and Ceiling Texture Paint

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Sand Finish Texture 1

Surface Preparation		Substrate must be sound, dry, clean, and free of oil, grease, mildew, efflorescence, and other foreign materials and/or contaminants. Product, air, and surface temperatures must be maintained at a minimum of 55 °F (13 °C) throughout the finishing process when using joint compound, primer, and texture products. New Drywall Treat joints and nailheads with an appropriate USG Joint Treatment System. New Concrete/Plaster Age at least 60 days before texturing. Remove form oils and efflorescence and grind down form lines. Fill cracks and holes, and level concrete surfaces with Sheetrock® Brand Durabond® Setting-Type or Easy Sand™ Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compound or Cover Coat® Brand Compound and let dry. Painted Surfaces Lightly sand to dull any sheen and develop "tooth" for good bond. Wash surface with a strong detergent from the bottom up to remove any dust, dirt, or sheen. A strong solution of TSP (trisodiumphosphate) works best. Follow manufacturer's directions on the container. Note: Texturing over previously painted, textured, or stained substrates may require application(s) of a stain-blocking sealer to obtain uniform color (check manufacturer's instructions for stain containment instructions). Prevent rust stains by spot-priming bare metal with a good rust-inhibitive primer and let dry prior to the full surface priming.
Substrate Priming		Application of a prime coat is necessary to equalize surface porosity. After prepared surfaces have thoroughly dried, apply a prime coat of Sheetrock® Brand First Coat flat latex paint or a good quality interior latex flat wall paint with high solids content. Prime coat should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before decorating.
Mixing		Use material as supplied. Thinning with water is not required. Excessive thinning with water will affect the coating's appearance and performance. If thinning is necessary, add one or two ounces of water per gallon. Stir well before using, but avoid excessive agitation that will entrain air. Use slow speed power equipment or stir by hand. Can be tinted using universal colorants; incomplete mixing may result in color streaks.
Application		Maintain minimum air, product, and surface temperature of 55 °F (13 °C) during application and until surface is dry. Can be roller or spray applied. Apply a full coverage coat. Provide ventilation after application.
	Roller	For best results, use a high quality roller cover. Cut in corners and trim using a trim brush. Roll surface immediately with a 3/4" nap roller cover. Generously apply Texture 1 in long strokes, keeping the roller cover filled to obtain texture effect. Cross-roll area to prevent ridging and framing.
	Spray	Use a Binks 18-D gun having a #57 fluid nozzle and a R-27 fan cap, or similar equipment. Air hose is typically 3/8" i.d. with 1/2" i.d. material hose. The spray gun should be held approximately 18" from the surface. Adjust atomizing air pressure and material flow rate so that a full coverage rate can be achieved by overlapping the preceding application by 1/4 to 1/2 the fan width.
Drying Time		At 72 °F/50% R.H., approximately 60 minutes to touch; overnight for hard surface.
Coverage		Up to 200 ft.² per gallon depending on substrate, application method, and texture desired.
Cleanup		Wipe up spills, drops, and spatters promptly using a damp cloth. Wash brushes, rollers, and any other equipment with warm, soapy water.



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