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DATA SHEET - FRESCO

DESCRIPTION:

Fresco is a paint that creates a distinct finish that gives an extremely smooth and mottled marble effect that has movement.

Fresco has been designed and formulated to give the effect of traditional Italian plasters (Intanaco).

Fresco is best applied on smooth masonry surfaces, and suitably primed walls. Suitable for Interior use only.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

Prior to application the area to be plastered must be well prepared. The substrate must be dry, free from dirt, dust, and loose material. Fresco is a water based acrylic system and should therefore be prepped as you would a standard acrylic paint system.

PREPARATION FOR CEMENT BASED MORTAR OR PLASTER SURFACES:

Surface must be sound and free of chase marks, hairline cracks and patch marks. If any of the above is present, apply Africote plaster primer.

PREPARATION FOR APPLICATION ONTO PVA PAINTED SURFACES:

Make sure that the surface is free of latent, powdering and flaking materials. Treat powdery surfaces with Africote Bonding liquid.

MIXING AND APPLICATION:

No mixing is required as the paint system is complete and should be used as is. Fresco is available in unlimited colour choices.

APPLICATION - First Coat:

Trowel the fresco on approximately 1mm thick. Taking care to coat the entire surface. Allow to dry 24 hours. Lightly sand the surface using 100 grit sandpaper.

Second coat:

Trowel or use a paint scraper, and second coat over the entire surface slightly thinner coat than the first. Trowel markings must be visible do not flatten. The trowel marks are needed to make the pattern. Allow to dry +\ - 6 hours. Lightly sand using 220 grit sandpaper.

Third coat:

Trowel or use a paint scraper, a very thin coat covering the entire surface. Trowel marks again to be left. Allow to dry +\ - 2 hours. Lightly sand using 1000 grit sandpaper.

POLISHING

Using a steel trowel apply a coat of Africote wall wax apply thinly. Allow to dry approx.: 4 hours
Take a new clean cloth and vigorously rub the entire surface to reveal the markings and to give a final gloss finish. For extra lustre and a mirror finish a hand polisher is recommended.

Please note if the wax gets wet it will leave white marks. For bathrooms and high moisture areas coat with Twin Pack sealer.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO SEAL WITH OTHER SEALERS THE MOTTLING WILL BE SOFTER.

Coverage: 6m² per 5litre
Packaging: 5 and 20 litre Buckets.
Shelf Life: 3years
Colour Range: Available in pastel and clear bases

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Since this is a paint system the open time is increased for trowelling. This helps the applicator to get the desired thickness and finish. The product is treated and stored like any paint and therefore has a longer shelf life. Unused product can be resealed and kept. The product effectively disguises minor surface blemishes without changing the basic concept of the architectural basis.

This product is environmentally friendly. Do not use below temperatures of 10 Degrees Celsius.

Disclaimer:

For best colour and sheen consistency, it is highly recommended to use the same batch number. As batches may differ from final colour appearance ie: sheen, texture, colour and light reflections, application, surface texture and preparation. When doing any type of touch up work, paint corner to corner Africote will not entertain any claims otherwise.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Contact may cause irritation to sensitive skin. Wear suitable protective clothing, such as gloves.

In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory protection,

FIRST AID:

Eyes: In case of contact with eyes do not rub. Immediately flush with plenty of water.

Skin: Wash thoroughly with soap and water.

Inhalation: Move to fresh air.

In all cases, if symptoms persist or develop, seek medical attention.

DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY, KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN, THIS PRODUCT IS NOT FLAMMABLE

NB: No claims will be entertained where applications are done using other manufacturer's products in combination with Africote products. This includes bonding liquids, filler coats, sealers, undercoats etc.

NB: Due to ongoing research and development undertaken on our coatings and the application process, coupled with technological advances in the industry, please consult our factory to ensure you have the latest Data Sheet.