

Thistle SkimFinish

Product Data Sheet

Introduction

Thistle SkimFinish Ready mixed plaster is an easy-to-use skimming plaster, specially formulated for use straight from the tub. It is ideal for interior walls and ceilings, that are in need of improvement due to minor cracks or if they may have been damaged after removing wallpaper etc. It is also perfect for skimming over plasterboard and can be used as a jointing compound.

Product information

The product is an air drying material and when used correctly will provide professional results. It has a lightweight texture with low shrinkage and excellent crack resistance. It can give a perfectly flat surface, ready for decoration, without the need for a finish coat.

Coverage

Product	Tub size	Approx. coverage (1mm depth)
Thistle SkimFinish	2.5kg 6kg	2.5m ² 6m ²

Application

Applications

Thistle SkimFinish Ready mixed plaster bonds strongly to most indoor surfaces and can be applied in layers of 1mm thick. Its ultra-fine grain composition and white colour guarantees a high quality finish ready to paint.

Background preparation

Ensure areas are clean, dry and free from loose material and grease. Rub down any gloss surfaces, touch in all bare metal with oil based paint.

With very porous surfaces it may be necessary to dampen the area with a little water prior to application to stop the material from drying out too quickly.

Before application, the user should always establish the suitability of products being used. This can be done by trying it in a small area, possibly where it is less visible.

Mixing

The product is ready mixed and has been formulated so it can be used directly from the tub. However, it is always advisable to give the product a quick stir prior to use.

Do not dilute the product.

General application

Using a trowel or filling knife for smaller jobs, apply Thistle SkimFinish to the surface with firm upward sweeping strokes, in layers of no more than 1mm thickness. It is normally best to work in from the edges towards the middle. Start at the bottom and work up then work in from the sides.

Using a clean wet trowel, gently smooth over the surface. Ensure the trowel is clean and occasionally re-wetted inbetween strokes.

Clean tools in warm soapy water immediately after use.

Finishing

To achieve a flat, smooth finish, re-wet the surface just before it is fully dried and hard, and gently polish with a clean wet trowel. Imperfections or uneven surfaces may be sanded once the area has dried out completely using fine grade sandpaper.

Drying

Thistle SkimFinish Ready mixed plaster is an air drying product that dries through a process of evaporation and therefore drying times can vary depending on factors such as the depth of material applied, atmospheric conditions and background porosity.

Application continued

Decoration

Once the surface is dry it generally can be painted without priming. However for optimum results follow the paint manufacturers' instructions for porous surfaces

Effect of condensation and other moisture

Thistle SkimFinish Ready mixed plaster should be protected from continuous exposure to moisture. Prolonged or repeated exposure may cause a loss of strength and / or adhesion.

Effects of temperature

The ambient and background temperature must be maintained above 5°C until fully dry. Once fully dry, Thistle SkimFinish is only suitable for situations where the temperature does not exceed 30°C. During application in hot and / or dry conditions, care should be taken to ensure that rapid loss of moisture is avoided. If the plaster dries out too rapidly, the strength and adhesion will be impaired.

Storage

Tubs should be stored in dry conditions and protected from extreme temperatures of below 5°C or above 40°C.

The container should always be kept airtight.

If storing on a concrete floor, dry timber platforms should be provided.

Stored correctly, Thistle SkimFinish Ready mixed plaster has a shelf life of 9 months.

The tubs are printed with a 'use by date' in order to assist with stock rotation.

Product standards

Artex Limited is a quality assured company and operates a Quality Management System (QMS) in accordance with *BS EN ISO 9001*. The QMS is independently audited.

Health & Safety

It is important to observe appropriate Health and Safety practices whilst undertaking any work, for example always wear appropriate protective eyewear, face mask when sanding, protective clothing and use safe, well looked after, tools and equipment.

Always use the correct manual handling techniques when lifting

Note: If Thistle SkimFinish Ready mixed plaster gets into the eyes, do not rub but wash immediately with plenty of clean, warm water and seek medical attention.

General notes

For further guidance please contact British Gypsum Technical Advice Centre

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