

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic is a pre-blended polymer modified cement render manufactured to exacting specifications from high quality materials. ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic is available in 1mm, 2mm and 3mm strike patterns. This product only requires the addition of clean cool water and mixing before application. It is suitable for traditional hawk and trowel hand application.

Properly cured, this product exhibits minimal drying shrinkage and is an ideal surface for over-coating with ROCKCOTE Armour, high performance membrane coatings.

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic meets the requirements of the professional tradesperson and the demands of modern construction materials and methods.

PERFORMANCE & PROPERTIES

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic is manufactured under controlled conditions. Consistent quality is assured. Providing a very attractive “strike” or “scratch” type finish, ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic covers imperfect substrates with little surface preparation, providing a very cost-effective finish, when applied by a skilled tradesperson.

Composition

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic is composed of high quality, washed and graded sand, Portland cement conforming to Australian Standard 3972 and proprietary additives. Graded sand fillers contribute to the unique trowelling properties & aesthetic appeal of ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic.

Time and Cost Savings

Fast Float Finish, Classic is quick to apply, requires less clean up and greatly reduced curing time before the application of finish coats. Under normal conditions, the application of ROCKCOTE acrylic paint coatings may be commenced 48 hours after Fast Float Finish, Classic has dried, and is fully cured and when the moisture content of Fast Float Finish, Classic is less than 15% WME. ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic should not be left uncoated for an extended period of time and should be painted with an acrylic primer or ROCKCOTE Armour as soon as practicable within 28 days after being fully cured.

Water Resistant

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic is water repellent, reducing the risk of efflorescence or rising damp.

Adhesion

Adheres well to correctly prepared standard and difficult masonry substrates such as ROCKCOTE base coat renders, bricks, concrete blocks, Hebel power panel and block, Off-Form Concrete building substrates.

Limitations

- Should not be applied over surfaces or systems not specified by Rockcote.
- Do not apply to raked mortar joints on block/brick walls. Rockcote Q Render base coat renders are recommend for over coating raked mortar joints before application of Fast Float Finish, Classic.
- Should not be applied to Fibre Cement Sheet or Cladding.
- Should not be applied in temperatures below 3°C or in very hot and windy conditions or above 30°C.
- Should not be applied to warm and hot substrates.
- Protect from freezing temperatures for 24 hours after application.
- Protect from heavy rain for 8 hours after application.

SURFACE PREPARATION

- Care must be taken not to apply ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic to warm or hot masonry and to cement render walling systems when exposed to heat from the sun, or product will not have enough working time to enable a satisfactory finish. It is highly recommended to wet the masonry block or render wall with cool clean water to pre-hydrate and reduce substrate temperature, increasing working time with ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic. .
- ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic should only be used over suitable dimensionally stable substrates or systems and masonry renders only specified by ROCKCOTE.

SURFACE PREPARATION CONTINUED

- All surfaces must be clean and free from dirt, dust, oil, grease, silicone or loose materials before application.
- Large hollows and deviations in masonry and or cement render surfaces are first filled and screeded with ROCKCOTE QRender Thin Section prior to application of the final coat.
- High moisture absorbing masonry and cement render surfaces must be wetted with clean water. Do not apply ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic until the wet look has receded and the surface has absorbed the free water.
- Low moisture absorbing substrates such as smooth, dense concrete or smooth, dense bricks should be treated with ROCKCOTE Keycote. Follow bag instructions for mixing and application of ROCKCOTE Keycote before applying the Fast Float Finish, Classic.
- Over highly porous surfaces such as (A.A.C. Hebel), seal first with one coat ROCKCOTE Acrybond mixed with an equal part of water to control suction and improve adhesion.

APPLICATION

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic can be applied by traditional Hawk and Trowel (See table). Acrybond not required. It is important to mask up all surrounding surfaces before rendering to avoid contact with Fast Float Finish, Classic especially aluminium window frames and glass.

Acrylic Finishing Coats

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic has been specifically formulated without the addition of hydrated lime and is readily over coated with acrylic paints, texture finishes after 48 hours if properly cured and containing less than 15% WME moisture content.

Before application of acrylic texture finishes the dry ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic surface should have moisture content of less than 15%WME and be sealed with one coat of ROCKCOTE Hi-Opacity Primer, Texprime or EcoStyle Sealer/Undercoat.

Pack Size	20 kg bags. Pallet lots are 56x20kg bags.
Activation Mix Hand operated mechanical stirrer (Do not use warm water, must be cool)	For traditional Hawk and Trowel hand application, add approximately 20 kg of Fast Float Finish, Classic to 4.0 to 4.5 litres of clean cool water and mix for a minimum of 3 minutes. Allow mixture to stand and activate for 5 minutes and adjust consistency by adding a little more water if required. Pot life is approximately 1-2 hours. Do not reactivate the mix with water once the mixture has begun to set. Discard set material.
Drying (55% Relative Humidity, 25°C)	Fast Float Finish, Classic dries in approximately 4 - 8 hours under normal drying conditions. (Dry times vary with changes in temperature and humidity and residual moisture in the substrate).
Curing	Once initial dry set has occurred, rewet 1 to 2 times a day with clean water for 1 day. This is especially important during hot and/or windy weather.
Finishing Important note: Different floats give a different finished appearance.	Fast Float Finish, Classic can be finished as soon as possible after application with a cream or red coloured plastic float, or styrene float in a vertical up and down motion, or circular motion to give desired finish. Finished appearance is light grey in colour. Finished colour can vary due to curing conditions and finishing technique.
Clean Up	Clean with water immediately after use if render has not cured. Remove any unwanted misapplication or spatter from surfaces with water as soon as possible and preferably before dry. Recently dried render may be more easily removed with warm water and detergent.
Maintenance	Any identified damaged should be repaired as soon as possible. Refer to Rockcote specification on General Maintenance.
Durability	Excellent interior or exterior. Not for use over active chimney flues.

The application of ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Classic is a specialist procedure and should only be carried out by a skilled and experienced applicator.

THEORETICAL COVERAGE RATES

Coating Thickness	m ² /20kg bag	Kg/m ²
Classic 1.0mm	10.0	2.0
Classic 1.5mm	8.0	2.5
Classic 2.0mm	6.0	3.3
Classic 3.0mm	4.0	5.0

NB: Figures are a guide only. Coverage rates vary according to application technique and substrate preparation.

STORAGE, SAFETY & HANDLING

- Refer to ROCKCOTE MSDS for Fast Float Finish, Classic
- Must be kept dry during transportation and storage.
- When working with this product, observe the usual precautions for handling cement based products.
- Avoid inhalation of the powder, prolonged skin contact and particularly eye contact.
- If contact occurs, flush thoroughly with clean water.
- Wear protective clothing to minimise skin contact and wear goggles where spatter is likely.
- Where spills occur, sweep up dry material or soak up liquid spillage with sand/sawdust and remove to suitable disposal.
- Clean up equipment and area with water. Do not permit run-off to sewer, storm water or open bodies of water.

Indemnity

ROCKCOTE Enterprises Pty Ltd will not accept responsibility for any misuse of this product or if not applied by a skilled and experienced applicator and in accordance with our technical specifications. Due to our policy of continuing product improvement Rockcote Enterprises Pty Ltd reserves the right to change these specifications without further notice.

