

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish (Fine) is a pre-blended polymer modified cement render manufactured to exacting specifications from high quality materials. ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish (Fine) only requires the addition of clean water and mixing before application and is suitable for traditional hawk and trowel hand application. Properly cured, this product exhibits minimal drying shrinkage and is a reliable surface for over-coating with acrylic paints.

ROCKCOTE Fast Float (Fine) meets the requirements of the professional tradesperson and the demands of modern construction materials and methods.

PERFORMANCE & PROPERTIES

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish (Fine) is manufactured under controlled conditions, providing consistent quality and an attractive “sand” type finish when applied by a skilled tradesperson. ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish (Fine) covers imperfect substrates with little surface preparation, providing a very cost-effective finish.

Composition

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.

Time and Cost Savings

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish Fine 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 two days after Fast Float Fine has dried, if the Fast Float Fine is fully cured and moisture content of the Fast Float Fine is less than 15% WME.

Water Resistant

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Fine 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, ROCKCOTE specified FCS (fibre cement sheet & cladding) systems, Hebel power panel & block and off-form concrete building substrates.

Limitations

- Should not be applied over cement sheet or previously painted surfaces not specified by ROCKCOTE.
- Do not apply to raked mortar joints on block/brick walls. The range of ROCKCOTE QRender base coat renders are recommended for over-coating raked mortar joints before application of ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine.
- When applied over ROCKCOTE Quick Render grey & ROCKCOTE QRender PM100 grey, thickness should be no greater than 50% of the ROCKCOTE Quick Render grey & ROCKCOTE QRender PM100 grey thickness.
- Should not be applied in temperatures below 3°C or in very hot and windy conditions or above 30°C.
- 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, Fine to warm and hot masonry and 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 Fine. All surfaces must be clean and free from dirt, dust, oil, grease, silicone or loose materials before application.

Large hollows and deviations in the surface are first filled and screeded with ROCKCOTE QRender Thin Section prior to application of the final coat.

High moisture absorbing surfaces must be wetted with clean water. Do not apply ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine until the wet look has receded and the surface has absorbed the free water. Do not wet fibre cement sheet & cladding with water before application.

Low suction substrates such as smooth concrete or smooth bricks should be treated with ROCKCOTE Keycote. This product is available in 20kg paper bags and should follow bag instructions for mixing and application of ROCKCOTE Keycote before applying the ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine.

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.

It is important to mask up all surrounding surfaces before rendering to avoid contact with ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine especially aluminium window frames and glass.

APPLICATION

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine can be applied by traditional hawk & trowel (See table). Acrybond not required. For best results, ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine must be applied in two tight coats and finished with a plastic float to give a desirable fine, sand finish.

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine should only be used over suitable dimensionally stable masonry substrates and masonry renders.

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

Acrylic Finishing Coats

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine 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. It can then be sealed with one coat of ROCKCOTE Hi-Opacity Primer, ROCKCOTE Texprime or ROCKCOTE EcoStyle Sealer/Undercoat.

ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish Fine should not be left uncoated for an extended period of time and should be painted with a ROCKCOTE Performance Code rated system as soon as practicable within 28 days after being fully cured. Refer to ROCKCOTE Render (RR) System brochure to select a suitable Performance Code rating for your requirements.

Pack Size	20kg bags. Pallet lots are 56 x 20kg bags.
Activation Mix	For traditional hawk & trowel hand application, add approximately 20kg of ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish Fine to 4.5 - 5.0 litres of clean water and mix for a minimum of 5 minutes. Allow mixture to stand and activate for 10 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.
Wet Film Thickness Per coat	Optimum results are normally achieved by applying 0.8 for one coat and up to 1.6mm thick per 2 coats. Should not be applied in a single coat greater than 3mm thick.
Drying (55% Relative Humidity, 25°C)	Dry 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 2 to 3 times a day with clean water for 2 days. This is especially important during hot and/or windy weather.
Finishing	Can be finished as soon as possible after application with a plastic or polyurethane float in circular motion to give desired finish. Finished appearance is off white to light yellow 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.

THEORETICAL COVERAGE RATES

	Coating Thickness	m ² /20kg bag	kg/m ²
Single Coat	0.8mm	16.0	1.25
Two Coats	1.6mm	8.0	2.5

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, Fine

- ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine must be kept dry during transportation and storage.
- When working with ROCKCOTE Fast Float Finish, Fine 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.

