

## ROCKCOTE Finecote

ROCKCOTE Finecote is a ready-for-use, pre-coloured acrylic coating, ideal for covering and decorating suitably prepared interior or exterior surfaces. ROCKCOTE Finecote may be applied over correctly prepared substrates such as A.A.C. Hebel, brickwork (calsil & clay), cement render, concrete (off form, tilt up, pre-Cast), concrete blockwork, plaster board, ROCKCOTE Polymer Render and previously painted walls. ROCKCOTE Finecote provides a fine sand finish with a 'scrub-fine' appearance. It effectively combines the aesthetically pleasing colours and styles of traditional render finishes with the performance properties of modern 100% acrylic coating systems. Depending on application techniques and tools used, ROCKCOTE Finecote can also be worked to a number of traditional yet highly fashionable finishes such as "bagged" finishes or Mediterranean style finishes.

### PERFORMANCE & PROPERTIES

#### Adhesion

ROCKCOTE Finecote exhibits excellent adhesion to all common building materials if correct surface preparation is carried out in accordance with ROCKCOTE specifications.

#### Durability

ROCKCOTE Finecote is impact resistant and scuff/abrasion resistant. It is also resistant to extremes of weather and attack from fungi & mould if over-coated with ROCKCOTE Clearcote or ROCKCOTE Armour.

When used over ROCKCOTE cement render coatings or ROCKCOTE polymer textures, ROCKCOTE Finecote provides a finish that is resistant to micro-cracking caused by normal thermal expansion and contraction of the substrate.

ROCKCOTE Finecote remains vapour permeable, allowing the release of water vapour from the coating system and substrate.

#### Colours Available

ROCKCOTE Finecote can be tinted to a wide range of colours from soft natural tones to vibrant colours. Light-fastness of chosen exterior colours must be confirmed before ordering. Suitability of dark colours for use over lightweight substrates must be confirmed with a ROCKCOTE Sales Representative before ordering. If used as a top coat as part of the ROCKCOTE Reinforced Render System, the colour Light Reflectance Value (LRV) must be greater than 25%.

ROCKCOTE Finecote is supplied to the building site premixed. Colouring can be incorporated at the factory or added on site.

#### Limitations

- Used alone, ROCKCOTE Finecote is a decorative finish only. The performance of ROCKCOTE Finecote may be improved while maintaining the natural look of the finish by over coating with ROCKCOTE Clearcote. Where a higher performance coating is required, ROCKCOTE Finecote must be over coated with one or more coats of ROCKCOTE Armour. Refer to the ROCKCOTE Render (RR) System Performance Codes to select a suitable rating for your selected system.
- Application should not be carried out in temperatures below 5°C or above 35°C or in strong winds. Wall and air temperatures must not fall below 5°C during the drying process.
- ROCKCOTE Finecote is unsuitable total water immersion or for wall areas subjected to possible continual damp and/or hydrostatic pressure from within the substrate.
- ROCKCOTE Finecote is unsuitable for use over floors or roof areas.
- ROCKCOTE Finecote is unsuitable for use directly to exterior timber or metal work.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces should be clean and free from loose material such as drummy sections and flaking paint. Powdery surfaces should not be coated with ROCKCOTE Finecote. Fill cracks and other surface imperfections with suitable ROCKCOTE patching compounds. Glossy surfaces should be lightly sanded and washed clean. Dirty surfaces should be washed

down with warm water mixed with biodegradable detergent and flushed with clean water. Mould should be removed by cleaning with a 10% bleach solution and then flushing with clean water. Surfaces should then be treated with a proprietary surface sanitiser with residual action. Only dry surfaces with a moisture content of less than 15% Wood-Moisture-Equivalent (%WME) should be coated.

ROCKCOTE pre-bagged cement based renders can be coated 48 hours after drying. Other new cementitious surfaces should not be coated until 30 days old.

## APPLICATION

### Concrete Block and Brick Walls (Where mortar joints and other imperfections need to be concealed)

ROCKCOTE Q Render Thin Section or ROCKCOTE Quick Render should be applied according to specifications and left as a float finish.

A coat of ROCKCOTE Texprime is then applied prior to the application of ROCKCOTE Finecote.

Apply one coat of ROCKCOTE Finecote by stainless steel trowel to a wet film thickness of 1- 1.5mm and trowel flat. To achieve optimum results apply ROCKCOTE Finecote in two tight coats.

As ROCKCOTE Finecote dries, the surface is floated with a plastic float and finished with a soft sponge to achieve an even sand finish.

The application of ROCKCOTE Finecote is a specialist procedure and should only be carried out by a skilled and experienced applicator and in accordance with ROCKCOTE Technical Specifications.

Thinning	ROCKCOTE Finecote can be thinned with clean water at up to 5% by volume immediately before use. Do not add water to ROCKCOTE Finecote that will be stored for more than 5 days.
Clean Up	Clean with water immediately after use. Semi dry films can be removed with warm water and biodegradable detergent. Recently dried material can be removed with methylated spirits.
Drying (55% Relative Humidity, 25°C)	Touch dry in 2 hours. Dry to recoat in 24 hours. Fully cured in 7 days. (Dry times vary with changes in temperature and humidity. Drying will be slower at higher relative humidity and/or lower temperature).
Pack Size	15lt heavy duty plastic pails
Finish	Flat and highly textured.
Maintenance	Any identified damaged should be repaired as soon as possible. Refer to ROCKCOTE specification on General Maintenance.
Durability	Excellent interior. Exterior (see paragraph on "Limitations")
Film Thickness	Wet Film thickness approximately 769 microns. Average Dry Film Thickness approximately 554 microns
Usual number of coats	1

## THEORETICAL SPREADING RATES

Approximately 1.30 m<sup>2</sup> /L 20m<sup>2</sup> per 15L pail. Figures are a guide only. Coverage rates vary according to substrate, application technique, wastage factors and substrate preparation.

## STORAGE, SAFETY & HANDLING

### Refer to the ROCKCOTE MSDS for Finecote

- Pails should be kept upright at all times and not be stacked more than three high during transportation.
- Pails should be stored out of direct sunlight and at temperatures below 40°C and above 4°C.
- When working with ROCKCOTE Finecote, observe the usual precautions for handling water-borne acrylic based products as listed below.
- Avoid inhalation of vapour, prolonged skin contact and particularly eye contact.
- If skin or eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with clean water and see a doctor if irritation occurs.
- If ingestion occurs, drink at least two glasses of water and consult a doctor.
- Wear protective clothing to minimise skin contact, and wear goggles where spatter is likely
- In emergency contact Poisons Information PH 13 11 26

### 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.

