

### SURFACE PREPARATION

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- Ensure board is fixed as per manufacturer's specifications.
- All surfaces must be clean and free from dirt, dust, oil, and any loose materials.
- Stainless steel or PVC angles are fitted to external corners using flat head galvanised nails.
- Seal between windows and doorframes, using a flexible polyurethane-jointing compound.
- A soft brush should be used to remove dust from recessed joints.
- ROCKCOTE Hard Patch is applied to the joints using a steel trowel, spatula or broad knife. Add cement to ROCKCOTE Hard Patch as per its Specification Sheet and mix thoroughly.
- The ROCKCOTE fibreglass reinforcing mesh (non-adhesive 50mm x 120gms/m<sup>2</sup> alkaline resistant) is embedded into the surface of the patching compound while it is still wet.
- After the first coat has dried and any shrinkage taken place a further application of ROCKCOTE Hard Patch may be applied to bring the joint flush with the surface of the cement sheeting.
- Allow to cure for at least 24hrs before applying the ROCKCOTE primer. The ROCKCOTE primer is applied using brush, roller or suitable spray equipment.
- It is imperative that the wall is thoroughly sealed with ROCKCOTE primer before applying the textured finish or the patched areas will shine through the textured finish.
- The ROCKCOTE primer must be applied undiluted at the relevant rate as per the ROCKCOTE Primer Specification sheet and allowed to dry for at least 6hrs before applying the textured finish.

### BASE APPLICATION

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- ROCKCOTE Polymer Render is applied in one or more coats as a base coat, using a steel trowel, to an approximate thickness of 1.5mm - 4mm.
- This is then floated to an even finish using a plastic float.
- The surface is now ready to accept a textured finish. Note that film thicknesses greater than 2 mm will require considerable time to dry. Ensure that moisture is less than 15% at the thickest location before applying decorative topcoats.