

## ROCKCOTE Trowel-On

Available in 1, 1.5, 2 & 3mm profiles, ROCKCOTE Trowel-On is a decorative & protective texture coating suitable for full exterior applications over concrete, clay bricks, masonry blocks, expanded polystyrene, fibre cement sheeting and A.A.C. hebel blocks & panels. ROCKCOTE Trowel-On is a heavy duty applied finish utilising a 100% acrylic binder and provides a protective & aesthetically pleasing finish for masonry surfaces as listed above. When over-coated with ROCKCOTE Armour Plus, ROCKCOTE Trowel-On is suitable for full external applications where long term weather protection & low maintenance are of prime importance.

### PERFORMANCE & PROPERTIES

#### Adhesion

ROCKCOTE Trowel-On exhibits excellent adhesion characteristics to all properly prepared masonry substrates if correct surface preparation is carried out in accordance with specifications.

#### Durability

It is knock resistant, scuff resistant and can resist extremes of weather and attack from fungi and mould when over coated with ROCKCOTE Armour Plus. ROCKCOTE Trowel-On provides a flexible finish that is resistant to micro-cracking caused by thermal expansion and contraction of the substrate. It also remains vapour permeable, allowing the walls to “breathe”.

#### Colours

ROCKCOTE Trowel-On 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.

#### Cost Efficient

Due to the ability of ROCKCOTE Trowel-On to cover imperfect substrates, expensive surface preparation procedures can often be reduced or completely eliminated.

#### Limitations

- Not suitable for floors.
- Application should not be carried out where the ambient temperature is below 5°C or above 35°C, or in strong winds.
- Must not be subject to hydrostatic pressure from within the substrate, or submerged in water.

### 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 Trowel-On. Glossy surfaces should be lightly sanded and washed clean. Dirty surfaces should be washed down with warm water mixed with detergent and flushed with clean water.

Mould should be removed by cleaning and surfaces treated with a proprietary surface sanitiser with residual action. Only dry surfaces should be painted. Fill cracks and other surface imperfections with suitable ROCKCOTE patching compounds.

Substrates must contain less than 15% Wood-Moisture-Equivalent (%WME) before painting. ROCKCOTE pre-bagged cement based renders can be coated 48 hours after dry. Other new cement based surfaces should not be coated until 30 days old.

# TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

## APPLICATION

ROCKCOTE Trowel-On is applied to the wall using a stainless steel trowel & trowelled to the thickness of the coarsest aggregate. The surface is then worked with a polystyrene float in either a vertical or horizontal motion to produce the desired pattern. The depth of the pattern is governed by the size of the aggregate incorporated in the material.

The application of ROCKCOTE Trowel-On is a specialist procedure & should only be carried out by a skilled and experienced applicator and in accordance with our technical specifications.

<b>Thinning</b>	It is recommended that Trowel-On is not thinned.
<b>Clean Up</b>	Clean with water immediately after use. Recently dried material can be removed with methylated spirits.
<b>Flammability</b>	Non Flammable
<b>Drying (55% Relative Humidity, 25°C)</b>	Touch dry in 5 hours. Dry to recoat in 24 hours. (Dry times vary with changes in temperature and humidity).
<b>Pack Size</b>	15L & 4L heavy duty plastic pails
<b>Finish</b>	Flat sheen and highly textured.
<b>Maintenance</b>	Any identified damaged should be repaired as soon as possible. Refer to ROCKCOTE specification on General Maintenance.
<b>Durability</b>	Excellent, interior or exterior.
<b>Usual number of coats</b>	1

## THEORETICAL COVERAGE RATES

Theoretical coverage per coat for ROCKCOTE Trowel-On.

Grade	m <sup>2</sup> per litre	m <sup>2</sup> per 15ltr
1.0 mm	0.8	12.0
1.5mm	0.7	10.5
2.0mm	0.6	9.0
3.0mm	0.4	6.0

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

## STORAGE, SAFETY & HANDLING

- Refer to the ROCKCOTE MSDS for Trowel-On
- Pails should not be stacked more than three high during transportation and should be stored out of direct sunlight & above 4°C.
- When working with ROCKCOTE Trowel-On, observe the usual precautions for handling water borne acrylic based products.
- 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.

## Storage Safety & Handling cont...

- 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
- MSDS Available on request.
- In an emergency contact Poisons Information Ph: 13 11 26.

## PROPER DISPOSAL OF EXCESS & WASTE PRODUCT

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- Spilt material must be absorbed with sand/sawdust and lifted for proper disposal.
- Spilled product must not be allowed to run into drains or open bodies of water.
- Residual small amounts of leftover paint on brushes and rollers should be wiped on to old newspaper and allowed to dry, rather than being washed down the sink. Dispose in accordance with Local Council regulations.
- ROCKCOTE Trowel-On is suitable for disposal through the RA Industries Reclaimer Portable Paint Wash Recycling System.

## Indemnity

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