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Earthaus Sand Finish | Care & Maintenance Guide

The short and long term aesthetic continuity and functional performance of an Earthaus Sand Finish are the results of the methods utilized by the installer and care and maintenance by the owner. Earthaus Plaster, LLC cannot guarantee any finish outcomes with Earthaus Sand Finish products.

1.0 Routine Care

1.1 Cleaning

Sand Finish is granular, unsealed, and absorbent. Routine cleaning using water is not recommended. Instead, Sand Finish can be dusted and vacuumed to keep the finish looking fresh. For spot cleaning guidance, see staining.

Sand Finish can be sealed with Earthaus Olive Oil Soap Sealer which will reduce absorbency and increase stain resistance. Sealing a Sand Finish changes its care & maintenance recommendations - please refer to the guidance in the Earthaus Stone Finish Care & Maintenance Guide for a sealed Sand Finish.

1.2 Upkeep

Regular cleaning.

2.0 Damage Types: Risk & Repair

2.1 Staining

1. Risk

The standard Sand Finish is unsealed and absorbent which increases susceptibility to staining.

2. Repair

There are two types of stains in an absorbent finish: superficial stains and deep stains. For superficial stains, light sanding of the stain with an abrasive cloth or fine sandpaper will have the best chance of removing a stain. For deep stains, where a stain has been absorbed into the plaster, either patching the area or re-plastering another coat over the entire surface will have the best results.

2.2 Hairline Cracking

1. Risk

Long hairline cracks in a Sand Finish indicate structural movement in the substrate. These cracks can be repaired, but the repair may be more noticeable than the crack after the repair. If the substrate is still moving, the crack will likely reappear.

2. Repair

Hairline cracks and repair options should be evaluated and determined by a plaster professional.

2.3 Chipping

1. Risk

Chipping on a Sand Finish is rare but there is a high risk for chipping on any 90-degree outside corners

2. Repair

Chipped or nicked areas on a Sand Finish can be repaired by filling in the chipped area(s) with additional Sand Plaster

3.0 Project Consultation

For questions unique to your Sand Finish project, phone consultation is available with an Earthaus expert. Consultation with a plaster professional is recommended for patching.

• <u>Project Consultation</u>