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## **Earthaus Stone Finish | Care & Maintenance Guide**

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

### **1.0 Routine Care**

#### **1.1 Cleaning:**

A gentle, plant-based diluted soap is recommended for routine cleaning of the standard sealed Earthaus Stone finish. Cleaning products with chemical or acidic ingredients can damage an Earthaus Stone Finish. Earthaus Olive Oil Soap works well:

1. Dilute five-parts warm water to one-part Olive Oil Soap Sealer
2. With a non-abrasive cloth, gently wipe and clean the Stone Finish surface
3. Rinsing is not necessary
4. Routine cleaning should be done annually at minimum.
5. Routine cleaning can be done as frequently as needed or desired without consequence

#### **1.2 Upkeep:** Routine cleaning.

### **2.0 Damage Types: Risk and Repair**

#### **2.1 Staining**

##### **1. Risk**

To lower the risk of staining, the following non-exhaustive list of substances containing acids, tannins, and chemical ingredients should be immediately wiped from a Stone Finish with a wet cloth. After wiping, promptly clean with a gentle plant-based diluted soap like Earthaus Olive Oil Soap:

**Food:** oils, acids, and ingredients containing tannins

**Personal care products:** soaps, gels, toothpaste, hair dye, products with unknown chemical ingredients.

##### **2. Repair**

For the best chance of removing a stain from a Stone Finish, do not use water or soap. Attempt dry stain removal first by lightly sanding the stain with a mildly

abrasive washcloth. If that doesn't remove the stain, use of the product Magic Eraser following the manufacturer's directions has been purported to work well. If neither light sanding or Magic Eraser works to remove the stain, a patch may be needed.

## **2.3 Hairline Cracking**

### **1. Risk**

Long hairline cracks in a Stone Finish likely indicates structural movement in the substrate. These cracks can be repaired, but the repair may be more noticeable than the crack itself after the repair. If the substrate continues to move, the crack will likely reappear.

### **2. Repair**

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

## **2.4 Chipping**

### **1. Risk**

Chipping of vertical surfaces in Stone Finish is rare. Areas that are 90-degree corners are the exception and are at high risk for chipping.

### **2. Repair:**

Nicked or chipped Stone Finish can be repaired by filling in the chipped area(s) with additional Stone Plaster and sealed with Olive Oil Soap Sealer.

## **3.0 Patching**

To restore stained, etched, nicked, or chipped Stone Finish, small area patching may be possible. A patch may be noticeable, depending on the area and skill level of the repairer. If a large area of Stone Finish is damaged, the entire area may need to be re-finished for visual continuity. Consultation with a plaster professional is recommended for patching.

## **4.0 Project Consultation**

For questions unique to your Stone Finish project, phone consultation is available with an Earthaus expert.

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