



## Product Specification

Product Name: **SYDNEY HARBOUR'S FRESCO PLASTER**

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

Sydney Harbour's Fresco Plaster is a hard-wearing finish designed to replicate the cool luster of the troweled plaster walls of ancient European buildings. Sydney Harbour's Fresco gives a wonderful depth and rustic originality to interior wall surfaces. Sydney Harbour's Fresco sets to an exceptionally hard finish. Sydney Harbour's Fresco gives elegance and sophistication to any wall, and is widely used in foyers, hotel reception areas and concert halls. Fresco Plaster is usually applied with a trowel but may be applied with a wide decorating brush or spatula. If applying by brush a rough finish will result. Sand then seal and polish.

### LOCATION:

Interior.

### ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION:

This product contains: <50 g/L VOC.

- Southern California Air Quality Management District Rule 314 compliant
- LEED v4 & v4.1 eligible

Sydney Harbour uses only premium grade raw materials. Our manufacturing processes are designed for maximum performance with minimum impact on the environment and user health.

### SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS:

Can be applied to most suitably prepared plasterboard, plaster, masonry and previously painted surfaces.

### COLORS:

Choose from our large range of colors or ask our colorist for your own custom color.

### LIMITATIONS:

Not suitable for splash backs (behind cook tops or sinks). If using Fresco in bathrooms, avoid contact with water. Please note that steam and condensation can damage and mark both waxed and un-waxed Fresco.

Do not apply in high humidity, below 50°F or above 86°F, or when temperatures are expected to drop below 50°F within the next 4 hours.

## PREPARATION:

### NEW/UNPAINTED SUBSTRATES:

Substrate should be a clean well-held surface free from loose material, dirt, grease, oil and mold. Dust down before proceeding. On bare surfaces such as new unpainted plasterboard sheeting, render, brick or timber, spot prime all joints and repaired areas with Sydney Harbour's Limeproof Undercoat Sealer or Base Coat Primer, then apply two coats of same to entire area.

### PREVIOUSLY PAINTED SUBSTRATES:

Previously painted surfaces with loose, peeling or flaking paint must be made sound by scraping off loose paint. Fill nail holes and cracks with suitable filler, sand and dust off. Spot prime all joints and repaired areas with Sydney Harbour's Limeproof Undercoat Sealer or Base Coat Primer, then apply one coat to entire area. Touch dry two hours. Allow 6 hours dry time.

## APPLICATION:

### APPLICATION OF FRESCO PLASTER:

**Base Coat:** Apply a thin, uniform skim coat of Fresco Plaster with a trowel at a low angle and scrape off any excess at a higher trowel angle. Let dry 1 hour.

**Texture Coat:** Apply a texture coat of Fresco Plaster with a low trowel angle and light pressure using a skip trowel technique. "Knock down" any peaks created by lightly smoothing a low trowel angle. Let dry 1-2 hours. Lightly sand with 400 grit if needed.

**Fill in Coats (1-2 may be needed):** Repeat the process done in texture coat step, filling in any areas that were skipped over. Let dry for 1 hour.

*Application tip* – when the Fresco Plaster is just dry, but not yet hard set, (around 20-30 mins after application) use the trowel at a 45° angle to knock off any raised lines or tips that have formed. This will dramatically reduce sanding time. Please note, if the Fresco Plaster is not dry enough, or applied too thick, or doing this too early can cause surface damage.

**Polish:** For a marble like finish, sand the dry Fresco Plaster in a circular motion with 600 grit dry sandpaper. For a higher sheen dust off with a damp soft cloth. To get a very high sheen, sand with 1000-1200 grit. After being polished, Fresco Plaster should be treated with care. It is not scrubbable but it is easily repaired.

For a **Suede** or **Natural Stone** look polishing is not needed.

### APPLICATION OF SEALERS:

For **ALL** sealer applications: Surface needs to be dry for 24 to 72 hours. Always test in a small, inconspicuous area as the color may deepen.

**Trewax:** Clear Paste Wax for protection – interior use only. Use supplied pad applicator to apply wax. Wipe any excess with a clean cloth. For a higher sheen, buff with a clean cloth.

**Cera Natural:** Natural Liquid Soap Wax for sheen and protection – interior use only. Stir container well before application. Start from the bottom and work up, apply generously with a sponge in a circular motion until the surface is saturated and does not absorb any more liquid.

**Option A:** Use clean cloths folded like a pillow and immediately go over the surface to remove the excess material. Wait up to 5 minutes until

dry. Buff with a mechanical polisher for a higher sheen.

**Option B:** For the highest and consistent sheen, after saturating the wall with Cera wax, use a VP stainless steel trowel # 2269 and press the Cera wax into the surface while burnishing the wet surface. Then wipe excess off with a cloth and buff using mechanical polisher. Repeat the process up to 2 times, for additional protection and sheen.

### COVERAGE RATES:

Approximately 250 sq. ft. per gallon depending upon porosity, surface texture, and wastage rates.

### CLEAN UP:

Water. (Trowel edges are sharp, use caution)

### COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS:

Sydney Harbour's Limeproof Undercoat Sealer (coverage 450 sq. ft. per gallon) or Sydney Harbour's Base Coat Primer (coverage 400 sq. ft. per gallon) is recommended where an undercoat/primer is required when preparing substrate for painting.

### PACKAGING:

Sydney Harbour's Fresco Plaster is available in Quart & Gallon sizes.

### STORAGE:

Store in a cool dry area, protected from frost.

### PRECAUTIONS:

Keep out of reach of children. Avoid swallowing. Avoid eye contact. Avoid prolonged skin contact. Provide adequate ventilation. If accidental contact occurs, rinse immediately with water. Check color before use.

### MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR DETAILS:

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