

Rockcote Lime Wash

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Rockcote Lime Wash is a traditional lime wash making it classically beautiful. Used to achieve a natural patina look that will age with your building, Rockcote Lime Wash is also a beautiful top coat to Rockcote Lime Plaster or Rockcote Lime Plaster Basecoat.



Features

- Very low VOC.
- Fading may occur depending on type of pigment used.
- Develops a unique patina, unrivalled by modern coatings.
- Allows surfaces to breathe and can contribute to improved indoor air quality.
- Has natural anti-bacterial properties due to the high alkalinity of the coating.
- Will re-absorb carbon dioxide from the air.

Uses

- Suitable for interior and exterior use.
- Compatible with a range of building surfaces, including brick/block, plasterboard, off form concrete and stonework.
- A coating for Rockcote lime plasters; lime based render; stucco and limestone
- Can help to consolidate friable limestone surfaces.
- Suitable for heritage projects.

Colours and Gloss

- Can be tinted to a wide range of light base colours using liquid tints or alkali resistant oxides.
- Fading may occur depending on type of pigment used.

Sheen Level: Flat

Coverage Rate: 25-30m²/15ltr

Coverage rates may vary according to the condition of the substrate, desired finish or method of application. Rockcote Lime Wash is usually applied at the rate of approximately 25-30 square metres per 15 litre drum (1.5-2m² per litre). Care must be taken to avoid excessive build-up in corners and at reveals.

Application Method: Brush or Roller

Dry Film Build: 60-100 microns

Typical Data at 25°C and 50% Relative Humidity

Drying Time: 4 hours

Touch Dry: 2 hours

Dry to Recoat: 4 hours

No of Coats: 2 coats

Clean Up: Water

Packaging Sizes: 15L, 4L

Volume Solids: 55

Thinning: Up to 5% on first coat only.

Water Resistance: Good

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Substrate Conditions

- Substrate must be installed as per manufacturer's specifications.
- Substrate must be clean and free of dust, dirt, oil, salt, mould or any other contamination.
- Any base coats should be fully cured.
- Substrates must not contain more than 15% wood moisture equivalent (WME) prior to the application of Rockcote Lime Wash.
- For full details on application for each substrate, refer to the Rockcote Natural Materials Systems Guide.

Mixing

Stir well before use.

Application

- Check colour prior to use to ensure consistency. Where possible, use products from the same batch on single wall to maintain colour consistency.
- Rockcote Natural Materials range are manufactured using naturally occurring minerals and raw materials. As these materials are subject to natural variations in colour, composition and mineral characteristics, some variation in the finished colour may occur between production batches. Such variations are an inherent characteristic of natural mineral based products and are not considered a product defect.
- Where material from different production batches is required, appropriate boxing or mixing of batches should be undertaken to assist in achieving a more consistent overall appearance.
- Rockcote accepts no responsibility for colour variations that occur as a result of natural mineral or raw material variations.
- The application of Rockcote Natural Materials is a highly skilled process that requires experience working with natural building products and systems. It is the responsibility of the applicator to select the right materials for the job and ensure correct installation and application according to the guidelines in the Rockcote Natural Materials Systems Guide and the attached specification. Rockcote strongly recommends that all Rockcote Natural Materials be applied by a licensed tradesperson who has extensive experience in applying the product for a similar application to the project at hand. Rockcote is not responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the Natural Material finishes, which is required in the upkeep and performance of the coating.
- To protect underlying substrates from the alkalinity of Lime Wash, prime with Rockcote Anti Efflorescent Primer.
- It is "good working practice" to start and finish applying Rockcote Lime Wash on an external or internal corner and not bridge control or movement joints
- Be sure to keep a wet edge with this product and plan your work to suit the weather conditions. See the Rockcote technical article on cutting-in and avoiding picture framing.
- Rockcote Lime Wash can be applied using a brush, roller or by hand using a sheepskin mitt.
- Keep the finished Rockcote Lime Wash sheltered from rain and moisture for 24-48 hours after completion dependent on climatic conditions.

Precautions and Limitations

- Lime-based finishes are natural materials and will continue to weather and develop character over time. Minor hairline cracking, tonal variation, patchiness and gradual colour change or fading may occur depending on substrate conditions, environmental exposure and natural ageing. These are inherent characteristics of lime finishes and are not considered product or application defects. As such, they are not covered under warranty.
- Rockcote Lime Wash is highly alkaline due to the inclusion of hydrated lime. Please ensure adequate PPE is used when mixing and applying.
- Many substrates can be coated with Lime Wash, but the high alkalinity may affect the underlying coating. Always contact Rockcote or refer to the Rockcote Natural Materials Systems Guide before using.
- Rockcote Lime Wash should not be applied in temperatures below 5°C or above 35°C.
- Rockcote Lime Wash is not suitable for areas of continual damp or areas submerged in water.
- Rockcote does not recommend the use of any Rockcote Natural Materials on floors.

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Transport and Storage

- Store in a cool, dark place
- Keep pail sealed
- Do not stack 15 litre containers over 3 high

Disposal

- Dispose of in accordance with local council regulations

Safety Data

Refer to Rockcote Lime Wash SDS.

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