

SHEETROCK® Brand Wall and Ceiling Texture

TUF-TEX™

Surface Preparation

Substrate must be sound, dry, clean, and free of oil, grease, mildew, efflorescence, and other foreign materials and/or contaminants. Product, air, and surface temperatures must be maintained at a minimum of 55 °F (13 °C) throughout the finishing process when using joint compound, primer, and texture products.

New Drywall Treat joints and nailheads with an appropriate USG Joint Treatment System.

New Concrete/Plaster Age at least 60 days before texturing. Remove form oils and efflorescence and grind down form lines. Fill cracks and holes, and level concrete surfaces with SHEETROCK® Brand DURABOND® Setting-Type or SHEETROCK Brand EASY SAND™ Lightweight Setting-Type Joint Compound or COVER COAT® Brand Compound and let dry.

Substrate Priming

Application of a prime coat is necessary to equalize surface porosity. After prepared surfaces have thoroughly dried, apply a prime coat of SHEETROCK® Brand First Coat flat latex paint or a good quality interior latex flat wall paint with high solids content. Prime coat should be applied undiluted and allowed to dry before decorating.

Mixing

Use a clean mixing vessel equipped with a variable speed power agitator. Depending on desired texture pattern, start with up to 3.0 gal. (11.36 L) water per 40 lb. (18.1 kg) bag. Using drinkable water and clean mixing equipment, slowly add dry powder texture to the water in a mixing vessel and mix to a heavy but lump-free consistency. Allow to soak for at least 15 min.—longer in cold water. Remix until mixture has a wet, smooth, and creamy appearance. Adjust to desired spray consistency by adding small amounts of water to the wet mix (up to 3/4 gal. additional water for bold patterns, or up to 1.8 gal. additional water for light patterns). Total water should not exceed 4.8 gal. (18.17 L) per 40 lb. (18.1 kg) bag. DO NOT overthin, as poor adhesion, lack of hide, or texture variation may result. If additional hardness and bond are desired, add up to 1 gal. of SHEETROCK Brand First Coat flat latex paint or 1/4 gal. (2 pts.) of SHEETROCK™ Brand Latex Additive per 40 lb. bag of SHEETROCK Brand TUF-TEX Wall and Ceiling Texture.

Note: Substitute volume of additives for equal volume of mixing water. DO NOT intermix with any materials other than those recommended by United States Gypsum Company.

Application

Using professional equipment, apply by machine or hand to create the desired effect. Application rates will vary depending on the texture pattern of choice. Generally, the application rate will vary from 20 ft.²/lb. (4.1 m²/kg) for bold patterns to 40 ft.²/lb. (8.2 m²/kg) for fine patterns. Maintain 55 °F (13 °C) minimum air and surface temperature during application and until surface is dry. Avoid drafts while applying product, but provide ventilation after application to aid drying. DO NOT use unvented gas or oil heaters. May be painted after overnight drying. Unpainted surface is NOT washable or scrubbable.

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