

EZ Base & Skim

Base and skim coat for stucco projects

Description

EZ Base & Skim is a base coat for decorative foam shapes on stucco, one coat stucco, masonry, and other cementitious substrates. **EZ Base & Skim** may also be used as a skim coat to level surfaces of stucco and one coat stucco prior to textured finish applications, with or without fiberglass reinforcing mesh.

Advantages

- Dry bag formula- no need to protect stored material from freezing
- Fiber-reinforced - minimizes shrinkage and increases resistance to cracking
- Durability - increases flexural strengths
- Economical - facilitates easier transport to jobsite
- Reduced labor cost- just add water and mix

Surface Preparation

All surfaces that receive an application must be clean and free of debris, dirt, dust, efflorescence, grease, oils, curing agents, and cleaning solutions. Damaged surfaces must be repaired and all loose material removed prior to application. Painted or glossy surfaces must be roughened to ensure a proper bond. Always install a small test area over painted surfaces to test bond. When applying material over porous stucco, masonry, or other cementitious substrates, the walls may be lightly moistened to reduce suction and extend open working time. There should be no standing, running, or pooling water on the surface, and the surface should not be saturated.

Mixing

Add approximately 1.5 gallons (5.7L) of potable water to a clean 5 gallon pail. Slowly add one bag of **EZ Base & Skim** to the water while mixing with a low RPM drill and paddle. Mix thoroughly for 2-4 minutes until material reaches a smooth consistency. Stop mixing and allow the material to set for 5 minutes, or until it has reached its initial set. Retemper material to break set, adding only enough water to reach the desired working consistency.

Application

For use with foam shapes over stucco, masonry, or other cementitious surfaces:

Apply product to the back of foam shape with approved notched trowel, then press firmly to substrate, making sure the entire piece has been firmly attached. Allow the **EZ Base & Skim** to set for 24 hours prior to working on the EPS. After adhesive has set for 24 hours, apply **EZ Base & Skim** to the EPS shape a minimum of 1/16" thick.

Completely embed 4.5 oz. or heavier, reinforcing mesh into this coat. Trowel smooth to make sure no reinforcing mesh is visible.

As a skim coat: Apply **EZ Base & Skim** to the surface needing to be leveled. Fiberglass reinforcing mesh may also be used during this process to reduce cracks in stucco, masonry, or other cementitious surfaces.

Coverage

Approximately 75-125 square feet per 50 pound bag
Note: Coverage will vary depending on application technique and surface conditions.

Curing

Curing and/or drying time may vary due to climatic conditions, but should not take less than 24 hours. Variations in ambient temperature, humidity, and air movement can affect drying time, as well as open working time. Freshly applied material must be protected from inclement weather until fully dried and cured.

Cautions/Limitations

Do not apply material when temperature is less than 40 degrees Fahrenheit, 4 degrees Celsius. When hot, dry, windy conditions exist, protection should be provided if possible, and applicators should work rapidly and efficiently to ensure material does not set before the work is completed to their satisfaction. Porous stucco, masonry, or other cementitious surfaces may be LIGHTLY moistened prior to application to reduce suction and extend open working time. Do not deviate from mixing instructions. Do not add any additives to this material. Do not use a paddle mixer that exceeds 500 RPM. Do not leave **EZ Base & Skim** unfinished. Do not allow material to harden on tools. Clean tools with water immediately after use. **DO NOT USE IN EIFS WALL SYSTEMS.**

Storage

A 50 lb. bag should be stored off the ground and protected from moisture and extreme heat. A 12-month shelf life results if properly stored and sealed.

Clean-Up

Immediately after application clean tools and equipment with water.

Safety

Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

Warranty

This product is subject to a written and limited warranty which may be obtained free of charge from EZ Wall Concentrate Inc. one coat stucco is to be applied in accordance with all manufacturer's specifications.

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