



## 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: 0 g/L VOC.

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, 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, then apply one coat to entire area. Touch dry two hours. Allow 6 hours dry time.

## APPLICATION:

### APPLICATION OF FRESCO PLASTER:

Apply two to three coats of Fresco Plaster with a trowel, spatula or painter's blade. The first coat, or base coat, should be at a nominal thickness of 2-3mm. Subsequent coats should always be applied as a skim coat, covering the base coat as smoothly and as thinly as possible, but at the same time aiming to reduce any unevenness in the previous coats. Keep a wet edge at all times, adding Fresco in a random fashion, and continuing to spread out over the wall area.

*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.

Allow Fresco to dry completely between coats. When completely dry each coat should be thoroughly sanded (or mechanically, with a Round sander using 220 grade or finer sandpaper) to smooth out ridges and edges prior to application of further coats. Wipe down to remove all dust before adding further coats. Sand and dust final coat. Allow to dry 24 hours prior to application of sealer.

### APPLICATION OF SEALERS:

For **ALL** sealer applications: Surface needs to be dry for 24 to 72 hours. Always test in a small, not noticeable area to verify color doesn't change.

**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 rags 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 rag and buff using mechanical polisher. Repeat the process up to 2 times, for additional protection and sheen.

## COVERAGE RATES:

The first, or base coat, of Sydney Harbour's Fresco will cover approximately 30 sq. ft. per 1.25kg (Quart Container) at a nominal thickness of 3mm, depending upon application method, porosity, surface texture and wastage rates. Subsequent skim coats will cover up to 100 sq. ft. per 1.25kg (Quart Container).

## CLEAN UP:

Water.

## COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS:

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

## PACKAGING:

Sydney Harbour's Fresco 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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