

Specification for

SPECIFICATION FOR IDEAL TIX EASYPACK ARTIFICIAL ROCK SURFACES

To be read with Preliminary/General Conditions

Types of finish	Imprinted high thickness plaster.
Drawing reference	
Location/project	
Product Reference	Ideal Tix Easy Pack stamped / Imprinted artificial rocks using : Ideal Binder, Ideal Wall Eco, Ideal Liquid Release , Ideal Rainbow Colours , a choice of Ideal Work Sealer and a range of imprinting tools.
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PROPRIETARY ARTIFICIAL ROCK FINISH TO PREPARED SUBSTRATES

IDEAL TIX EASYPACK® is a pre-blended, thixotropic fibre-reinforced admixture which, when mixed with cement and sand, produces a thixotropic mortar used to create vertical and horizontal high thickness coatings on brickwork, concrete blocks, rough concrete etc... Using moulds and techniques from IDEAL WORK, it is possible to create the appearance of horizontal and vertical bricks, stones, rock, wood etc....

1 BACKGROUND PREPARATION

It is recommended that close attention be paid to the preparation of the background when applying the product. It is also recommended to wash the background prior to application with a high-pressure water jet. The masonry must be in good condition and clean from dust, dirt, oil, stains, resins, wax, release agents and salt efflorescence etc...If there are any holes or cracks on the surface, they must first be filled. Structural joints are to be respected and joints of different elements should be reinforced by a special mesh of alkali-resistant fibreglass. Remove any traces of materials that can reduce the adhesion of the Ideal Tix EP system.

If the background is of formed polystyrene blocks, these should be completely covered with a glass fibre mesh to give a mechanical key for the plaster.

In all cases, apply a scratch-coat made with sand, cement and Ideal Binder® (see Ideal Binder tech-data).



Mix 1 part Ideal Binder® with 1 part cold water. Mix for 3 minutes. Add the solution to 25 kg's of a dry 1:1 sand and cement mixture for at least 3 minutes.

Apply the priming mixture with a hopper gun. Wait for 12 – 18 hours before applying Ideal Tix EP®.

Following back grounds require a special preparation:

- metallic or varnished backgrounds
- backgrounds of chalk or friable plaster
- excessively wet masonries

2 APPLICATION OF IDEAL TIX EP.

Ideal TIX EP is to be mixed as normal plaster using a traditional concrete mixer:

- 3 parts Ideal Tix EP
- 5 parts sand(0,3-1,0 mm)
- 2 parts white cement

Parts expressed in kg.

Add a maximum of 4-5 litres of water per 25 kg of dry mix. This formulation may vary depending on the sand size and moisture content, the requirements of the site and client. Consult IDEAL WORK if there are any doubts. The sand must clean.

It is important that the water quantity doesn't alter in to avoid colour differences. The mixed material is applied in single coats, each no thicker than 60 mm. First, a thin scratch coat should be applied over the surface. After 15 to 30 minutes apply the main coat (10-60 mm, possibly in more coats wet on wet). After mixing with water, the mortar must be applied within 15-30 min. Hardening times vary depending on the environmental conditions and on the kind of surface. Apply a thin coat of Ideal Work Liquid Release Agent® on the stamps or on the texture roller before texturing the surface. Always keep the moulds clean and wet . After a few hours, 8- 18 depending on temperatures, it is possible to hand carve the surface to create grout lines and added texture, finishing the texturing process by means of Ideal Work professional tools. It is possible to work on the fresh IDEAL TIX EASYPACK® within 6-18 hours, depending on the season, using IDEAL WORK's professional tools

Once this step is complete, proceed within 1-2 days with colouring using Ideal Rainbow Colours. (professional water based dyes).



3 SEALING/PROTECTIVE COAT

Once the dyes are dry it is possible to apply a sealer such as Ideal Sealer Medium® (solvent-based acrylic, satin finish for external use).

4 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKMANSHIP

Before commencement of work	The contractors must make themselves familiar with and have read the latest Technical Data Sheet for the products, available on the IDEAL WORK website www.idealwork.com
Control samples	Samples on site to be approved .They are sole responsibility of the applicator and should be made by site operatives carrying out main works.
Uniformity of colour and texture	Once samples of coatings have been approved, do not change type or proportion of constituent materials. Ensure that supplies and batch numbers of materials are sufficient and materials. Ensure that supplies and batch numbers of materials are sufficient and consistent to give uniformity of colour. Ensure uniformity of texture during application.
Admixtures	Do not use any admixtures other than those listed.
Guarantee	Rendering materials and workmanship guarantees should be submitted to Contract Administrator prior to work commencing on site.
	It is strongly recommended that this system be applied only by Ideal Work trained applicators