

TexSton-SilkStone™**Interior Plaster Finish**

SilkStone™ is a multiple effects metallic luster decorative coating. A tintable, metallic based paste plaster for use on interior surfaces to obtain different textures and a luster effect. Apply with trowels, spatulas, brushes and rollers at packaging consistency. Used for interior residential and commercial decoration.

Basic Use: Use SilkStone as a plaster finish coat for interior walls, ceilings, and special decorative features. It can be applied over most high-quality plaster and gypsum board bases or other smooth substrates.

Composition: SilkStone bases comes in Gold, Iridescent Gold and Pearl, tintable premixed paste.

Polymer Admixtures: Acrylic polymers in SilkStone improve the product's workability and durability.

Mica: Added to create a luster metallic effect

Glass Spheres: Added to enhance the consistency and workability of SilkStone.

VOC Content: Silkstone VOC is 50 grams per liter.

Colors: SilkStone is inventoried in tintable bases that can be custom colored to meet design requirements.

Pick a color from any leading paint manufacturer, or send us a swatch of the fabric, tile or stone you are using and we will match it.

Colorants: Tint with high-quality, water-based, fade-resistant, paint-grade universal colorants. Colorants can be factory-mixed or added at jobsite.

Sizes and Coverage: Allow one gallon of SilkStone for ~200-250 square feet of coverage. It is available in recyclable plastic buckets in the following sizes: Quarts, Gallons, 5 Gallons.

Limitations: For interior use only.

TECHNICAL DATA**INSTALLATION****Substrates:**

Gypsum Drywall: Drywall shall be taped and then sanded or floated. Provide Level Four or Five surface in accordance with Gypsum Association's GA-214 - *Recommended Levels of Gypsum Board Finish* to assure that substrate defects are not visible through plaster.

Other Substrates: With the appropriate primers/sealers, SilkStone™ may be applied over wood, glass, metal, and other smooth, cohesive substrates.

Trim and Fasteners: At wet areas, use corrosion-resistant materials for expansion and control joints, corner beads, flashings and other trim and fasteners.

Existing Substrates: Remove deteriorated substrates and patch in acceptable manner. Glossy surfaces and oil-based paints should be lightly sanded. Wash with trisodium phosphate diluted as indicated on product label. Rinse, neutralize and wipe dry.

Absorbent Surfaces: Use TexSton Texprep Primer.

Preparatory Work:

Masking: Mask and protect adjacent surfaces.

Prime: Prime substrates to assure that surfaces have uniform absorption. Use TexSton TexPrep or use high-quality acrylic latex paint primer of type compatible with substrate. Tint TexPrep to approximate color of plaster.

Mixing: Mix SilkStone to assure colorants are uniformly dispersed. Mix with clean tools and protect against entry of dust and debris into container.

General:

Use stainless steel trowels, spatulas, brushes or rollers of types required to produce intended results. TexSton offers a full complement of specialty plaster tools.

Many creative finishes can be produced with SilkStone. Consider the following a starting point for your imagination.

TexPrep Primer: Tint to approximate color of *SilkStone*. Apply 2 coats.

Skim Coat: Trowel apply thin skim coat of *SilkStone* to cover primer.

Top Coats: View large-size samples to clarify differences in appearance. Many custom samples require multiple coats.

Two Tone Technique: Apply 2 coats of *SilkStone* in patches, add lacings of 2nd color to create highlights. Let dry.

One Tone Technique: Apply 2nd coat of *SilkStone* in patches until the whole surface is filled and covered.

Custom Samples or Multi Tone Techniques: Follow manufacturer installation requirements.

Custom Finishes: Rather than trying to describe the specific technique to be used to achieve a custom finish, it is usually more convenient to specify an approved sample board or mock-up as a standard to be matched for a project. Contact TexSton for help developing custom finishes.

Stencils: Stencils can be used to create additional ornamental treatments. Applying stencils on top of final layer gives it full relief and prominence. Applying it before final layer gives an embossed or antiqued expression as stencil telegraphs through the finish material. Use precut plastic sheets to create stencils.

Clean-Up: Remove masking. Use hot water for application equipment. Do not dispose of any product in sewers, waterways or municipal garbage. Allow waste product to harden before disposal. If liquid disposal is necessary, contact your local municipality or paint store for instructions.

Precautions:

Delivery, Storage and Handling: Protect materials from direct sun. Deliver in manufacturer's unopened packages and store in dark and dry place at between 45 and 95 degrees F. Use OSHA compliant eye protection. Wear a respirator when sanding or scraping. Provide well-ventilated work areas. Avoid prolonged skin contact. Do not apply when temperature is less than 45 degrees F or more than 95 degrees F. Keep away from children. Use within six months after purchase. See MSDS and product label.

Appearance Tolerances: Appearance may vary depending upon application and field conditions. Color cards and product samples represent approximate colors and textures only. Final approval should be based on contractor-prepared samples or mock-ups showing actual materials and workmanship proposed for use. Like all exposed plaster finishes, mottling and variations in hue and appearance are normal and a part of SilkStone's aesthetic appeal.

AVAILABILITY AND COST

Availability: TexSton products are available from distributors throughout North America. Contact TexSton or visit the website for referrals to local sources.

Cost: Contact distributors for pricing information.

WARRANTY

TexSton expressly warrants its products to be fit for the ordinary purpose for which they are intended for a period of five years from date of installation when applied and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions within six months of purchase.

TexSton's liability under this warranty is limited to the replacement of products found to be defective or to the refund of purchase price to original purchaser. TexSton reserves the right to require proof of purchase and to inspect installations prior to resolving claims made under this warranty. This limited warranty is exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties either written, oral or implied, and expressly excludes liability for consequential damages.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning: Remove dust and loose dirt from surface, then wipe with a clean damp cloth. When necessary, surfaces may be cleaned with mild detergents or proprietary cleaning agents together with gentle scrubbing or low-pressure water washing. Mineral spirits or acetone can also be used; observe proper safety procedures when using solvents. Clean vertical surfaces from the bottom up. Wipe off cleaning agents with a damp rag followed, if necessary, by a dry rag. Test cleaning products and techniques in an inconspicuous location before proceeding and comply with manufacturer's instructions.

Blemishes: In many instances, scratches, scuff marks and stains that do not respond to ordinary cleaning techniques may be removed by lightly sanding the surface with 1000-grit sandpaper or the finest steel wool. Tests should be performed in inconspicuous locations before proceeding. Re-apply wax or sealer, if required, to sanded areas.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Design: TexSton and many of its distributors are ready to assist designers with color matching and custom color development services; color chips and sample boards are available. Our master craftsmen are also available to help develop special textures and aesthetic effects and to provide assistance with specification development.

Training: The ultimate quality and beauty of TexSton finishes depend upon the skill of the installers who apply them. While Silkstone is simple enough that any skilled finish contractor can learn to apply it, we also conduct rigorous training programs that enable us to certify master craftsmen. Classes can be conducted in the TexSton studio, at a distributor's or contractor's location, or on a job site.

Installation: When specified for large or complex projects, TexSton can provide master craftsmen to assist local applicator crews.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Material Safety Data Sheet
Contractor Application Tips
Instruction on Product Label
Color Charts and Samples
Guide Specification



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