

TexSton Maintenance Instructions

TexSton Venetian plasters and Old-World stuccos are high quality architectural finishes. They will provide years of beauty and enjoyment when installed and maintained in accordance with our recommendations. Paints and other coatings contain organic compounds which deteriorate over time. TexSton products, however, have a high mineral content which makes them resistant to most environmental exposures. Indeed, many TexSton products actually increase in strength and beauty over time.

Variations in shading are a natural characteristic of Venetian plasters and Old-World stuccos. They contribute to the unique visual appeal of our products and should not be considered as defects. Variations may become more pronounced over time as our finishes develop their full, rich patina.

When performing any type of building maintenance, observe proper safety precautions.

Cleaning

Brush or vacuum surfaces to remove dust and loose dirt. When necessary, surfaces may be cleaned with mild detergents or proprietary cleaning agents together with gentle scrubbing or low-pressure water washing. Products containing slaked-lime (Veneciano, Marmorino, and Antico) can also be cleaned with mineral spirits or acetone; observe proper ventilation and safety procedures when using solvents.

Clean vertical surfaces from the bottom up. Thoroughly rinse exterior surfaces with clean water after cleaning. At interior surfaces, 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.

Efflorescence, a white powdery deposit which can form on building surfaces, should be removed as soon as practical using water and a soft bristle brush or nylon scouring pad.

Waxes and Sealers

Wax (Interiors Only): Like fine woodwork, wax applied to TexSton may require occasional buffing or reapplication to maintain its luster. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

Sealer: For optimum protection, reapply sealer at five-year intervals or as required. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

Inspection

As with any buildings material, TexSton finishes should be inspected periodically to assure that surfaces and substrates are in good condition and functioning as intended. Examine joints, sealants, flashings, trim, and other locations which could permit water to enter the building. Conditions which could produce stains – such as water run-off from roofs or ledges washing down face of a wall, or improperly directed spray from sprinkler systems – should be corrected. Since TexSton plasters are finish coats, cracks which appear in their surface are probably due to cracking within the substrates to which they are applied; extensive cracking could indicate excessive building settlement or movement and should be examined by a qualified building professional.

Repairs

Surface Blemishes: In many instances, scratches, scuff marks, and stains which do not respond to ordinary cleaning techniques may be removed by lightly sanding the surface with a fine sandpaper. The success of this depends on the texture of the TexSton finish; test in an inconspicuous locations before proceeding. Re-apply wax or sealer, if required, to sanded areas.

Graffiti: Consult a firm specializing in graffiti removal and protection.

Other Repairs: Most damage to TexSton surfaces can be repaired by experienced applicators. Extensive damages may require replacement of an entire section of finished surface.

Additional Information

For general information about maintaining or repairing plaster, contact:

- Association of the Walls and Ceilings Industries, www.awci.org, (703) 538-1611
- Technical Services & Information Bureau, www.tsib.org, (714) 256-1708

For additional information about TexSton products or the names of qualified decorative plaster contractors, contact TexSton at 800-788-7113 or visit www.texston.com.