

Sealer Options and Performance Over Texston Plaster

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Texston plaster finishes designed for wet and exterior environments are weather-resistant and water-permeable, but **not waterproof**. These plasters allow moisture and air to pass through while requiring a proper waterproof barrier underneath to comply with industry standards.

Suitable Plaster Families for Wet and Exterior Areas:

- **Slaked Lime Plasters** (Marmorino, Antico, Lucido, Veneciano)
- **Natural Hydraulic Lime (NHL) Plasters** (HYD-7, HYD-TAD, HYD-MAR, HYD-125)
- **Limestone Cement Plasters** (Tuscany, Terra)

With a high pH, these plasters naturally resist mildew and mold. However, in extreme nonstop water environments, mold and mildew can still appear.

Sealer Options

1. Penetrating Sealers

(SDS7.5, SDS15, Stain Proof, Stain Proof+)

- Protects the surface from within while maintaining the natural look and feel.
- Slows water and stain absorption but does not completely stop it.
- Allows trapped moisture to escape, reducing potential damage.
- Recommended in **2 to 3 coats** for best performance.
- Dark spots may appear with prolonged water exposure but will dry out in a well-ventilated space.
- Additional **1-2 coats** can further improve protection.
- **Penetrating sealers will never delaminate.**

Enhancing Topcoat Sealer Resilience

To improve the performance and resilience of a **penetrating** sealer, it is recommended to apply one of the following over the fully dried penetrating sealer:

- **Soap of Marseille (for interior use only)**
- **Cerra Wax (for interior use only)**

Applying **2 to 3 heavy coats** and allowing it to soak in will further enhance surface protection.

2. Topcoat Sealers

(Texfloor Sealer, 2K Pro Scratch Resistant Topcoat, WB Water base Epoxy topcoat)

- Provides a protective film layer on the surface.
- Topcoat will slightly alter the natural finish look of the plaster.
- Available in **matte or gloss** (matte recommended for a less artificial look).
- Slows water and stain absorption more than penetrating sealers but does not stop it completely.
- Trapped moisture will off-gas at a slower rate than with penetrating sealers.
- Requires **2 to 3 thin coats** for optimal performance.
- Dark spots may take longer to dry compared to penetrating sealers.
- **May delaminate over time and requires maintenance.**

Enhancing Topcoat Sealer Resilience

To improve the longevity and resilience of a topcoat sealer, it is recommended to apply one of the following over the fully dried topcoat:

- **A penetrating sealer**
- **Soap of Marseille (for interior use only)**
- **Cerra Wax (for interior use only)**

Applying **2 to 3 heavy coats** and allowing it to soak in will further enhance surface protection.

Preventing Water Damage

To maximize sealer effectiveness and prolong plaster life:

- **Ensure proper ventilation** to minimize moisture buildup.
- **Avoid standing water** on the surface—wipe down wet areas regularly.
- **Keep shower niches and shelves dry**—water trapped under bottles can cause discoloration over time.
- **For more information see:** User Guide for Texston Plaster in Wet Areas