

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR TEXTSTON INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PLASTERS

1. CLEANING SURFACE STAINS

- **General Cleaning:** To maintain the appearance of your Textston plaster surfaces, regular cleaning is essential. While we do not offer a proprietary cleaner, we recommend using a pH-neutral cleaner specifically formulated for natural stone and lime-based surfaces. One suitable option is Nu-Tral Cleaner by Essential Industries, which effectively cleans without harming the plaster. Always test any cleaning product in an inconspicuous area before full application.
- **Application:** Dampen the wall with clean water before applying the cleaning solution to prevent dirt from penetrating the plaster. Use a non-abrasive, mild detergent and gently scrub the surface. Wipe off the cleaning agent with a damp rag, followed by a dry rag to remove any residue.
- **Organic Stains:** For deeper stains such as coffee or red wine, create a poultice by mixing equal parts of hydrogen peroxide and baking soda. Apply the paste with gentle scrubbing and allow it to dry completely, typically for one to two hours, until it turns into a powder. Check if the stain persists; if so, repeat the process and then wipe off the residue. Always test in an inconspicuous area before proceeding to ensure the cleaning method does not affect the plaster finish. Reapply wax or sealer if necessary.
- **Stubborn Stains:** For challenging stains, consider using CLR Calcium, Lime, & Rust Remover or a paste made from equal parts of white vinegar and baking soda. Alternatively, add a couple of tablespoons of laundry detergent to a bucket of water or use a bleach detergent solution. Clean vertical surfaces from the bottom up to prevent streaking. After cleaning, wipe off any remaining agents with a damp rag, followed by a dry rag. Always test cleaning products and techniques in an inconspicuous area before full application.

Note: Textston products based on slaked lime (e.g., Veneciano, Marmorino, Antico), hydraulic lime (e.g., HYD-Tadelakt), and cement limestone (e.g., Tuscany, Terra, Ortex) can also be cleaned with solvents like mineral spirits or acetone. Ensure proper ventilation and adhere to safety procedures when using solvents. Be aware that if there is any metallic wax or sealer topcoat on the plaster finish, the cleaning solvent may remove it, necessitating reapplication.

2. CLEANING SURFACE BLEMISHES

- **Minor Imperfections:** Scratches and scuff marks can often be removed using pencil erasers, cap erasers, or by lightly wet sanding the surface with 600 grit fine sandpaper (using lots of water). Always test in an inconspicuous area before proceeding. After addressing the blemish, reapply wax or sealer to the treated area if required.

3. REPAIRING SURFACES

- **Professional Repairs:** Most damage and cracks to Textston surfaces can be repaired by experienced Textston applicators. Extensive damage may require replacement of a part or an entire section of the finished surface.

4. PENETRATING AND TOP COAT SEALERS AND WAXES

- **Protection:** Similar to other mineral or limestone tile claddings, mineral plasters are not inherently water or stain-resistant and may, in some cases, accept stains. The application of penetrating sealers, wax, or protective topcoats is strongly recommended. While penetrating sealers do not make the surface resistant to staining, a protective topcoat will enhance the sealant's performance. Always test products and techniques in an inconspicuous area before proceeding. Some of our recommended sealers include TexFloor Sealer or 2K Pro (matte finish) as a topcoat sealer and SDS Sealer as a penetrating sealer.
- **Wax Maintenance:** Wax applied to Texston surfaces may require occasional buffing or reapplication to maintain its luster. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for optimal results.
- **Sealer Reapplication:** For optimum protection, reapply interior sealers at ten-year intervals and exterior sealers at five-year intervals or as required. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions during application.

5. INSPECTION

- **Regular Checks:** As with any building material, Texston finishes should be inspected periodically to ensure that surfaces and substrates are in good condition and functioning as intended. Examine joints, sealants, flashings, trim, and other locations that could permit water to enter the building, as conditions like these could produce stains, delamination, and deterioration.

By adhering to this maintenance schedule, you can preserve the beauty and longevity of your Texston plaster surfaces.