

Ortex PITTED Fine 60/70 or Coarse 20/30
Ortex TAP TBR % (Pitted)
Recommended Use: Exterior applications.

Substrate Options: See Texston Substrate Option Guideline, including Cracks Reduction Layer for: Scratch, Brown, and One-Coat Hard Coat Layers/Cement Boards or Approved Wallboards/ Existing Surfaces (e.g., Existing Stucco or Concrete Walls). Interior Drywall (OPTIONAL – used as Crack Reduction Layer).

Materials:

- **Ortex Coarse 20/30:** Coverage for 2 coats 50-60 sq. ft.
- **Ortex Fine 60/70:** Coverage for 2 coats 60-90 sq. ft.
 - Note: Yield may vary depending on the condition of the substrate and thickness of the application.
- **Color Pack:** specified color, supplied in a water-soluble color pack.
- **Admixture:** RPA Reinforced Polymer Additive.

Tools: Hawk, Stainless steel trowel, Plastic burnishing trowel (817/RS), Texture Brush, Stucco Neoprene Float, Straight edge aluminum rod.

Accessories: Rags, Sponges, Paint roller, Electric Sander, 220,400 grit Wet & Dry Sandpaper.

Mixing RPA Admixture & Water:

- **Large Wall or Crack Reduction Layer (embedding mesh):** Mix 1 part RPA to 4 parts water, or **38 oz of RPA + water per 50.7 lb bag.**
- **Finish Coats:** Mix 1 part RPA to 8 parts water, or **23 oz of RPA + water per 50.7 lb bag.**
- **Mix:** Combine **6.5 quarts of RPA and water admixture** with 50.7 Lbs. Ortex and water-soluble pigment (following powder mixing instructions).
- Let's sit for 5 minutes, then remix

Application Process

First Coat Application: If Ortex crack reduction layer (with embedded mesh) was used over the substrate with the same color of the Ortex, skip following first coat application, in step 1.

Step 1: Apply Ortex 1st Coat:

- Use a stainless-steel trowel to apply a thin coat (<1/16" thickness). Let it set, then use a Neoprene float in tight, small circular motions to level all undulations and low spots on the surface. Let it set and smooth.
- Allow it to dry; forced drying with air circulation and heat is possible only for the 1st coat.

Step 2: Second and Final Coat Application

- **Pre-Wetting (Optional):**
 - Spray a blend of **5 parts water and 1 part RPA** over the dry basecoat until the surface darkens.
 - Let it flash, then apply the second coat. Wait **5 minutes** before plaster application.
- **Main Application:**

Apply the **2nd coat of Ortex** over the entire surface at approximately **3/32" thickness**.
Level the surface with a **stainless-steel trowel at a low angle**, smoothing out chatter marks and minimizing ridges.

 - **Texture Creation:**

Immediately after leveling, use the **texture brush** to tap over the surface (at the indicated %), creating high and low points and pits (cavities). Let set until the surface is **almost tack-free** but still dark in color.
Repeat the texture brush tapping over the same % of the surface.
 - Let set (not dry) and continue to the next step.
- **Smoothing and Burnishing:**
 - Smooth with a **low-angle trowel** and burnish with a **sharper angle**.
 - Let set, then continue burnishing and closing some of the pits, achieving a natural organic look.
 - Mist water as needed, burnishing until the water sheen disappears.
 - Burnish **water-wet spots** until the sheen disappears. Avoid letting water spots dry on their own.
 - Use a **plastic burnishing trowel** to close pores and smooth the surface.

Step 3: (Optional) • Allow finish to dry for **24 to 72 hours**. • **Protect surface** from rain, moisture, or roof runoff for **at least 24 hours** after sealing.

Additional Notes:

- **Pot Life:** 2 hours – use within **first hour** for best color consistency.

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