

Ortex REG Fine 60/70 or Coarse 20/30 REGULAR (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 as the Ortex finish final coat, skip the following “Step 1” the first coat application, and continue with “Step 2”.

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):** Use only when previous coats are totally dry
 - 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.
 - Apply **Ortex** at approximately **1/16” to 3/32” thickness**. Use a **stainless steel trowel at a low angle** to create texture ("goosebumps").
 - Let it set.
- **Smoothing and Burnishing:**
 - Smooth with a **low-angle trowel** and burnish with a **sharper angle**.
 - **Optional:** To create additional pits (cavities), use a **texture brush** to tap some areas. 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) Sealer application: Follow SDS 7.5 step by step application process

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