

Ortex Sand Finish GFLT
SAND FINISH
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.
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Tools: Hawk, Stainless steel trowel, Plastic burnishing trowel (817/RS), Stucco Neoprene Float, Straight edge aluminum rod.

Accessories: Rags, Sponges, Paint roller.

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
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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.
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Step 2: Second 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.
 - Apply Ortex (approx. 1/16" thick). Use a stainless-steel trowel at a low angle; let it set.
 - **Let it set. Do not let dry.**
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Step 3 – Sand Finish Formation:

- When surface is **tack-free, dark in color, and cold to the touch:**
 - Lightly moisten a **Green Sponge Float** and rub the surface in **tight circular motions**.
 - Immediately follow with a **dry Green Sponge Float** to eliminate any water sheen.
 - Avoid letting water spots dry on their own to prevent hazing.
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Step 4 : • Allow finish to dry for **24 to 72 hours**.

- **Protect surface** from rain, moisture, or roof runoff for **at least 24 hours** after sealing.
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(Optional) Sealer application: Follow SDS 7.5 step by step application process

Additional Notes:

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