



Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed)

Product Data Sheet

Introduction

Overview

Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) has been specially formulated for application over existing textured surfaces, covering over unwanted patterns to leave a smooth finish. The high coverage rate combined with minimal drying shrinkage is designed to finish the job in fewer coats than with some other materials. To give the end user the best chance of success and to make life easier Artex Ltd supplies an Artex “smoother” and “spatula” in each bucket.

Applications

Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) is light grey in colour and is a low odour product, which can be applied direct to emulsion painted textured surfaces. Rather than physically removing any unwanted texture, which is often a very messy operation, Artex has formulated a material with which the user can cover over the existing texture and still produce a smooth surface.

General product information

Product	Size	Coverage per tub (standard stipple finish)
Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed)	7.5 litre tub	4m ²

Installation

Background preparation

Ensure that the existing surface texture and any overlying paint is firmly bonded to the background. Surfaces should be dry, clean, free from dirt, dust and grease. Dampen the surface and remove any loose material and prominent texture points by scraping the surface with a good quality stripping knife. Once this de-nibbing has been completed, it is advisable to apply Artex Stablix liberally to the surface and allow to dry. The Artex Stablix solution helps to bind back any dusty, friable surfaces and may reduce the risk of de-lamination.

General application

For best results and a longer working time, keep the room cool. Make sure that the background is well sealed and eliminate draughts by closing doors and windows.



- Stir thoroughly before use.
- Using the Spatula, load the Smoother with Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed).



- Using the Smoother, apply an even coat of Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) with firm, sweeping strokes. *Handy hint: Always work the first coat into the texture in several directions to infill any little gaps.*



- When the whole surface is covered, allow to dry until firm to the touch. Repeat the process as many times as required to reach the desired smoothness.
- Lightly sand minor imperfections when dry or alternatively dampen an Artex smoother with a sponge and use to smooth out any lines.

- After use wash hands and any equipment used in warm water.

Finishing

Drying

To ensure best results, adequate ventilation must be provided to dry out the finished work. Ensure room is kept above 5°C once work completed as drying time is typically 12 – 24 hours. Once dry, any imperfections may be sanded using fine grade sandpaper.

Decoration

Once completely dry Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) dries an off-white colour and may be painted with a good quality emulsion to match any colour scheme. Prior to painting, any dust should be removed before applying a liberal coat of Artex Stablix. Once the Artex Stablix is dry, the surface is ready for painting.

Conditions

Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) should be protected from continuous exposure to moisture. Prolonged or repeated exposure to moisture may cause a loss of strength and / or adhesion.

Storage

Protect from temperatures below 5°C or above 40°C. as conditions outside these temperatures can affect the performance of the product. Keep containers closed when not in use. If stored on concrete flooring then timber platforms should be provided. If stored correctly Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) has a shelf life of 12 months. Buckets are marked with a "use by" date in order to assist with stock rotation and a batch number for manufacturing traceability.

General precautions

If Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) does get into your eyes, do not rub but wash with plenty of clean warm water and seek medical attention.

Standards

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Manual handling

Artex Smooth-It (ready-mixed) should always be carried using correct manual handling techniques and safe systems of work. Some of these guidelines are summarised to the right. For further guidance, please refer to the Manual Handling section of the British Gypsum **SITE BOOK** and the British Gypsum Manual Handling Guide. Both can be downloaded from **www.british-gypsum.com** or can be obtained by calling the British Gypsum Drywall Academy Advice Centre on 0844 800 1991.

- Whenever possible, place one foot in front of the other to produce a good base and reduce the pressure on the body.
- Assess the load by placing your hand on it and moving.
- Only handle what you feel you can manage.
- Initiate movements with your legs, unlocking the knees and driving with the legs to start the lift.
- Keep the load as close to your body as possible when lifting or handling.
- Turn instead of twisting and move your feet.
- Let your back find its natural curvature.
- Never lose control of the load.

Loading and unloading pallets

- Always wear safety shoes.
- Always place one foot forward by operating from the corner of the pallet or placing one foot on the pallet taking care to ensure that the pallet does not tip in the process.
- Unlock the knees for low level work.
- Take a firm grip of the load with both hands.
- Lift using the legs to start the movement.
- Turn by moving the feet.

Application and installation

- Always work in a balanced position.
- Operate with one foot forward.
- Keep the body upright.
- Always use appropriate platforms where necessary.

General notes

In practice, consideration must be given to design criteria requiring specific project solutions. Please contact the British Gypsum Drywall Academy Advice Centre for further guidance on 0844 800 1991 or at bgtechnical.enquiries@bpb.com

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