
Walleffects acrylic decorative paints substrate details

No special requirements are needed for normal substrates prior to application of our paint products.

Render

The rendered surface should be finished as required for using normal waterbased paints or wallpapers.

We do recommend that the render is finished flat and smooth with no bumps or ridges. Freshly rendered walls need to be fully dry

Drylined Surfaces

Taped and jointed surfaces are suitable backgrounds for our decorative paint finishes however they need to be very well finished. We recommend the complete surface receives a coat of finishing compound and then well sanded. All dust needs to be removed from the walls or ceilings and surrounding areas. All materials applied to the plasterboard need to be fully dry prior to specialist finishes being applied.

Decorated walls and ceilings

It is possible to use our decorative paints over wallpaper provided the paper is well attached to the wall. We can offer no guarantee for wallpaper staying attached to the wall and recommend for piece of mind that all traces of wallpaper and paste residue are removed. Any loose material needs to be removed and the background sanded. Substrates may need to be repaired and fully dry prior to application of our paint finishes. Walls need to be reasonably straight with no bumps.

Pre painted walls can be coated over if the paint is well attached. Sand walls prior to applications. Walls with paint not well attached need to have all paint removed and then lightly sanded. Fill or replaster walls if required. Fillers and plasters need to be fully dry before application of our products.

Walls and ceilings ideally need to be structurally sound with no ridges or bumps.

Angle and Expansion Beads

Normal rendering expansion and angle beads are to be fitted where possible. It is important that all beads are well attached and then plastered or drylined into prior to the Walleffects finishes. The Walleffects products need no further expansion joints other than those designed into the substrate.

Cracks

Our products will not crack however they will not stop structural cracks. In all new buildings it is possible for settlement cracks to appear through the finished surface. Remember that all buildings will have some movement and cracking is possible.

On buildings with cracking we recommend cracks are repaired and repair materials fully dry as per manufactures instructions prior to application of the Walleffects range.

Walleffects will advise you on how to reduce the risk of cracking. We can provide an anti crack membrane for all our paint and plaster finishes which has a very high success rate. This is highly recommended. Please contact us for more details as anti crack systems vary depending on the finish selected.

Potential problems

Walls or ceilings that are poorly constructed. The key factor to any good finish is a good structure with a professionally finished render. This needs to be considered before specifying any plaster or decorative material.

Damp will affect all our products. The products are water resistant but not water proof.

Structures that are not fully dry can cause problems ie staining, efflorescent, cracking etc. It is essential that the project manager is aware of the importance of drying times.

Walleffects will try to provide an alternative for any problem substrate. Please talk to our technical advisor on 028 81648902 or email tech@walleffects.co.uk



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This document was created as a guide to help with specifications. This is an overview and offers no guarantee for problems that may arise. A site visit is always required to fully understand substrate requirements on each project