

## OVERVIEW

**Monocote is a coloured mineral plaster, which is applied in a single coat to give an attractive decorative finish. Monocote is water repellent, while at the same time allowing the structure to breathe. Monocote has excellent dirt pick-up resistance and is extremely stable against UV light even in severe climatic conditions. Monocote can either be applied manually or by machine and is available in a range of sixteen standard colours.**

## PROPERTIES

Monocote is formulated using a mixture of precisely graded fillers, hydraulic binders, pigments and additives. Monocote is finished by removing the top layer of material using a scratch trowel when the material has partially set. This exposes the aggregate to provide an attractive textured surface. The finished Monocote plaster has the following characteristics.

- Long life
- Dirt pick-up resistance
- Excellent UV stability
- Water repellent
- Plastering / finishing in one operation
- Good mechanical strength

## AREAS OF USE

Monocote is primarily designed for exterior facades for direct application on clay brick, concrete block, AAC block, precast/in-situ concrete and stone. Monocote can also be used on interior facades.

## PREPARATION OF SURFACE

Ensure all dust, dirt and foreign matter are brushed and scraped away. Also ensure surface is solid, free from salts, oil, grease and ridges. Protect all adjacent surfaces not to be coated. Apply a coat of penetrating primer to absorbent surfaces such as AAC blocks.

A key coat is required on very smooth surfaces such as precast or in-situ concrete (1pt Monocote, 0.24 pts. water, 0.08 pts. Terrabond A).

## MIXING

Using a high speed mixer, mix 25kg of Monocote with 4.5 ltr of water. Mix for 3 minutes. Ensure that mixing time and ratio of powder/water are constant to ensure colour consistency. Allow material to stand for 5 minutes, remix and use. Prepared material should be used within 4 hours.

## APPLICATION & CLEANING OF TOOLS

Saturate the substrate with water to reduce suction of water from the product the day before application and again 1 hour before application. Apply by spray or by hand and level the surface using standard plastering techniques. Allow the material to "set-up" and finish the surface with a scratch trowel to remove the top layer of material.

Clean tools and equipment with water after use.

## PRECAUTIONS

Do not apply below 8°C as there is risk of efflorescence.

Do not apply on horizontal or sloping surfaces.

Do not apply on gypsum based substrates.

Do not use at ground level to avoid staining.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Avoid prolonged contact with eyes and skin. For detailed information refer to relevant material safety data sheet.

## PACKAGING & STORAGE

Monocote is supplied in 25kg bags.

Store containers in a clean dry area protected from direct sunlight and extreme heat and cold. Unopened containers can be stored for 6 months. Use oldest material first.

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**TECHNICAL DATA**

<b>Product</b>	Decorative single coat mineral plaster.		
<b>Filler Material</b>	Crushed, precisely graded extenders.		
<b>Binder</b>	Hydraulic.		
<b>Pigments</b>	Characterised as fast to light, lime, salt and cement.		
<b>Consumption Rate</b>	1.55KG/m <sup>2</sup> /mm thickness.		
<b>Typical Rates</b>		Thickness	Consumption (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
	Clay brick	15-20mm	23-31
	Concrete blocks	12-15mm	18-23
	AAC blocks	8-12mm	12-18
<b>Adhesion to Concrete Block</b>	>0.4MPa.		
<b>Adhesion to Clay Block</b>	>0.4MPa.		
<b>Fire Rating</b>	Class 0 (incombustible).		
<b>Colours</b>	16 standard colours.		
<b>Packaging</b>	25kg bags.		
<b>Storage</b>	6 months in original unopened containers.		

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