



### OVERVIEW

Handytex is an acrylic based ready mixed texturing compound for use on all types of interior ceiling and walls. Handytex is a versatile product that can be applied with a selection of application tools and rollers to give a wide range of attractive textures and finishes. Handytex gives surfaces a white attractive finish that covers hairline cracks and minor blemishes. Handytex is easy to apply and allows the user to create innovative patterns and effects. Handytex can be tinted using conventional universal colourant pastes. Handytex is specially formulated without the use of solvents, formaldehyde and any other harmful chemical. Handytex is a member of the Terraco ECOLIFE product group which ensures minimal environmental impact.

### PROPERTIES

Handytex is a selected blend of acrylic polymers, pigments, graded fillers and other additives. The product is:

- Easy to use
- Acrylic based
- Non combustible
- Versatile - wide range of possible textures and finishes
- Environmentally friendly
- Low odour

### AREAS OF USE

Can be used on most interior ceiling and wall substrates including pre-cast concrete, sand cement render, gypsum plaster and dry-wall.

### PREPARATION OF SURFACE

**New surfaces:** Ensure that all dust, dirt and foreign matter are scraped and brushed away. Also ensure the surfaces are free from salts, oil, grease and ridges. Protect all adjacent surfaces not to be covered. All cracks, chips, voids and damages should be repaired with Terraco Handycoat Exterior.

**Old surfaces:** Before applying Handytex to old surfaces, ensure the substrate is firm. First wash down the surface with a sugar soap solution, rinse and allow to dry before repairing or applying the primer

### PRIMING/SKIMCOAT

Prime surfaces with a coat of Penetrating Primer prior to application of Handytex. Apply a coat of Handycoat by trowel to level and prepare substrate for Handytex application.

### COVERAGE

Coverage depends on depth of texture required.  
Light textures: 0.6-0.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
Deep textures: 1.0-1.2 kg

### TEXTURE TYPES AND TOOLS

Many different patterns can be achieved using various application tools. Please see chart overleaf for details.

### APPLICATION & CLEANING OF TOOLS

Stir well before use. Handytex may be diluted with up to 10% water for light textures. Practice texturing on a board before starting work until desired effect is achieved. Apply a liberal coat over 1m<sup>2</sup> at a time using the application roller. Use one of the texturing tools to achieve the desired pattern before moving on. Work in this way until the ceiling or wall is completed, at all times maintaining a wet edge between textured areas. Finish the edge between ceiling and wall with a small paint brush to produce a smooth border approx. 15-30mm wide. Allow to dry overnight. Handytex can be top-coated with one of the Terraco decorative topcoats such as Ecotop, Ecotex, Fresco or Handyplus. Do not apply Handytex at temperatures below 5°C.

Clean tools and equipment with water after use.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

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

### PACKAGING & STORAGE

Handytex is supplied in 5kg and 25kg plastic pails.

Store containers in a clean dry area protected from direct sunlight and extreme heat and cold. Unopened containers can be stored for 12 months. Use oldest material first.

### PATTERN TYPE - Application Method

<b>Scroll</b>	Apply a liberal coat by roller. Pattern the surface using the STIPPLING PAD by placing the pad onto the surface of the freshly applied material and move it around in a series of figure of eight movements.
<b>Broken Leather</b>	Apply as above. Pattern the surface using the STIPPLING PAD covered in polythene by spinning the brush in opposite directions while moving across the coated surface without moving the brush away.
<b>Bark Effect</b>	Apply as above. Pattern surface using the BARK EFFECT ROLLER
<b>Diagonal Effect</b>	Apply as above. Pattern surface using the DIAGONAL EFFECT ROLLER
<b>Diamond Effect</b>	Apply as above. Pattern surface using the DIAMOND EFFECT ROLLER
<b>Diagonal Knockdown</b>	Apply as above. Pattern surface using the DIAGONAL EFFECT ROLLER. Using knockdown tool.

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**TECHNICAL DATA**

<b>Product</b>	Acrylic based texturing compound.
<b>Binder</b>	Acrylic.
<b>Thinning</b>	Water if required.
<b>Drying Time</b>	6-8 hours.
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.70
<b>Coverage</b>	0.6 -1.2 kg /m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Application Method</b>	Brush/roller/comb.
<b>Flame spread</b>	Class 0 ASTM E84-95b
<b>VOC Level</b>	<5gm/ litre
<b>Colour</b>	Using colourant paste.
<b>Packaging</b>	25 kg plastic pails.
<b>Storage</b>	12 months in original unopened containers.

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