

Technical Data Sheet

TUFFTEX GRAFF



USES

- For interior/exterior application to both new and old masonry.
- TUFFTEX GRAFF is a fine scratch grade texture that is trowel applied and finished to achieve a durable, tough and decorative appearance to rendered walls. It contains 1-2mm feature grain that when floated is caught on the specialised float to achieve the desired pattern.
- Compliments TUFFWALL Insulated Wall System & TUFFmouldings range of profiles.

TUFFTEX superior range of finishes are acrylic based textured coatings, designed to enhance the appearance of exterior walls. TUFFTEX finishes are suitable for use over substrates prepared with Render from the TUFFTEX renders range. TUFFTEX GRAFF is designed for trowel application on rendered exterior walls where a long lasting traditional Italian style texture finish can be expected.

TUFFTEX GRAFF is a water based, highly flexible and crack resistant acrylic wall coating. TUFFTEX GRAFF can be tinted from light to dark exterior colours that many others simply cannot do. There is a long 'wet edge' summer mix and also a fast drying winter mix.

TUFFTEX GRAFF is easy to apply and the finish is uniform and consistent. TUFFTEX GRAFF is an easy to apply flexible acrylic texture coating that can accommodate cement render daily stresses caused by expansion and contraction from temperature changes. TUFFTEX coatings protect against alkali attack and won't shrink or crack over rendered substrates.

Substrate condition:

TUFFTEX recommends that TUFFTEX GRAFF should be applied over dry, already rendered walls. Before applying TUFFTEX GRAFF, ensure that the surface is clean, dry and free of grease, oil, mould, dirt, surface chalk, dust, release agents, bond-breakers or other contaminants that may interfere with adhesion. Surfaces consisting of freshly applied cement-rich renders should be left for a minimum of 28 days (to allow the cement to fully cure) before TUFFTEX GRAFF is applied. TUFFTEX advises a coat of TUFFTEX PRIMER be applied before the TUFFTEX GRAFF is trowelled. This will aid adhesion, colour fastness, spread rate and trowel ability. TUFFTEX recommends that a Moisture Meter be used to assess the moisture content of the render. If the WME (Wood Moisture Equivalent) is less than 15% then application with an Applied Texture Finish can proceed. Surface imperfections should be levelled and patched and completely flush to surrounding surfaces. Maximum coverage and adhesion is assured by first applying TUFFTEX PRIMER.

Note: A test area of the complete system must always be provided by the applicator for the Builder's and Specifier's approval.

Site Preparation:

It is important to ensure that, as well as the substrate being properly prepared, the work area is also made ready. This means masking and protective covering of windows, doors and adjoining surfaces to avoid marking the glass and frame surfaces with splatter. Drop sheets should also be used where required (tiles, pavers, downpipes, etc.). TUFFTEX acrylic coatings are designed to last the test of time, as such care should be taken in covering areas for accidents (splatter, spillage)

Weather Conditions:

If rain is forecast within 4 hours or if temperatures are less than 10°C or greater than 35°C, TUFFTEX GRAFF must not be applied to a wall. Freshly applied TUFFTEX GRAFF must be protected from rain, other sources of moisture and frosts for at least 48 hours.

Mixing:

TUFFTEX GRAFF is a pre-tinted ready-to-use product. Mixing is only required before applying the product to a rendered wall. As a rule, there is no need to add water to this product before application. Should water be added, additional coats may be required to achieve hiding and coverage as adding water is diluting the product.

Application:

Apply by hawk and trowel, TUFFTEX GRAFF can be spread over rendered walls to a level layer up to approximately 2mm thickness. Finish to a smooth textured finish with a float applied in a light, vertical or circular motion after the coating has partially set. Can also use a polystyrene float to aid in pattern generation.

Curing:

It is important that the coating is protected from rain, moisture and cold conditions for the first 3-5 days after coating and from impact damage for 3-4 weeks. Once fully cured, the strong binding power of the acrylic polymer results in an impact resisting coating able to withstand hard knocks and a surface able to withstand scuffing.

Water Resistance:

TUFFTEX GRAFF is formulated with a water permeability factor to rainproof the exterior and allow some water vapour from the substrate to leave unhindered.

Colour:

The pigmentation is completely integrated during the manufacturing process, which means colour through the entire film thickness. TUFFTEX acrylic coatings are available in a wide range of full colour to pastel shades. Please contact TUFFTEX for the full range of colours available. Note: some bright tones cannot be supplied in applied finishes. Contact TUFFTEX for your specific solution. All colours will fade to some degree with time in exterior applications.

Over-coating:

TUFFTEX may be top-coated after a minimum of 48 hours with a protective top coat such TUFF Shield TP or a thicker acrylic coating such as TUFF Shield MP. These top coats provide a decorative effect as well as enhancing the durability of the system.

Cleaning up:

All of the equipment used to apply TUFFTEX acrylic coatings can be cleaned up by scrubbing with water immediately after use.

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- Coverage - Approximately 8-11m²
- Wet Film Thickness - 1500 microns (approx)
- Dry Film Thickness - 1100 microns (approx)
- Shelf Life - 12-24 months is to be expected.
- Product Safety - See MSDS

TUFFTEX GRAFF is classified as non-hazardous according to the criteria of NOHSC.

Not classified as dangerous goods according to the Australian Code for Transport of Dangerous Goods.
NON DANGEROUS GOODS

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TUFF Shield MP was previously known as Impact paint.

TUFF Shield TP was previously known as Protective Top Coat (PTC).



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