



Artex Stabilex

Product Data Sheet

Introduction

Overview

Artex Stabilex is a water-based general-purpose stabilising solution specifically formulated to bind backgrounds which are still friable after the best possible preparation.

Applications

Artex Stabilex is recommended for treating friable, dusting, well prepared surfaces before decorating with Artex Textured Finishes. It is ideal for use to treat interior surfaces, including undecorated masonry and powdering decoration (such as lime-wash and distemper) where complete removal is not possible.

General product information

Product	Container size	Approx. coverage per container
Artex Stabilex	5 litres	30m ²

Installation

Background preparation

Make sure all surfaces are dry and well prepared and remove all dirt and loose material. Remove any mould and sterilise the surface with a proprietary fungicidal wash. Fill and repair any cracks as necessary. Allow to dry thoroughly. Treat any powdery, chalky areas with Artex Stabilex. No thinning is required, simply apply the solution generously by brush, roller or spray.

Mixing

Artex Stabilex is a ready-mixed product and requires no further mixing or stirring prior to application.

General application

Artex Stabilex requires no further dilution and should be applied generously by brush, roller or spray. After stabilising, porous surfaces may still need to be treated to reduce absorbency before decoration. Artex Stabilex is exceptionally quick and easy to apply. Tools should be washed with water immediately after use.

Do not apply to sound previous decoration.

Note: Always ensure the immediate area is well protected by using sufficient sheeting that doesn't allow liquid to soak through.

As conditions and methods of use are beyond the manufacturer's control, no responsibility can be accepted for failure of products when not used as directed.

Finishing

Drying

Drying should normally take between two and four hours, dependant on atmospheric conditions. It may be decorated within as little as two hours. Artex Stabilex dries to a transparent finish.

Conditions

Avoid splashes which could get into the user's eyes. In case of contact with the eyes, do not rub the eye but wash immediately with plenty of clean, warm water.

Storage

Artex Stabilex should be stored in dry conditions and protected from extremes of temperature of below 5°C or above 40°C during storage. The container should always be kept airtight.

If stored on concrete flooring then timber platforms should be provided.

Containers are marked with a 'Manufactured' date and when stored correctly Artex Stabilex has a shelf life of 12 months from the date of manufacture. Each container is marked with a batch number for manufacturing traceability purposes.

Conditions (continued)

Standards

Artex Limited is a quality assured company and operates a Quality Management System in accordance with **BS EN ISO 9001:2008**. The QMS is independently audited (certificate no: **FM 504548**).

Artex Stabilex complies with VOC controls based on **EU Directive 2004/42/EC** covering paints and coatings applied to buildings, their trim and fittings and associated structures.

Manual handling

It is important to observe appropriate Health and Safety legislation when working on site, e.g. protective clothing and equipment, etc. In practice, consideration must be given to design criteria requiring specific project solutions.

Artex Stabilex should always be carried using correct manual handling techniques and safe systems of work appropriate to the size and length of the product. Some of these guidelines are summarised below and across.

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 Technical 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 Technical Advice Centre for further guidance on 0844 800 1991 or at bgtechnical.enquiries@bpb.com

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