SKIM COTE

DESCRIPTION
TEX·COTE® SKIM COTE is a trowel grade water-based acrylic skim coat, used for filling block lines as well as a skim coat or block filler for a masonry wall. The product can be troweled in place and coated with TEX·COTE® water based products (such as TEX·STOP®, Classic or Textured Primer) within 2 - 3 days. XL 70° can be applied after the SKIM COTE has cured, typically 10 to 14 days.

FEATURES
- Acrylic latex filler
- Mildew resistant
- Crack bridging ability
- Low shrinkage
- Fills gaps up to 3/8"

PERCENTS
- Can be coated within 24 hours with water based coating
- Hides block lines, imperfections in surface
- Hopper gun / knockdown application

RECOMMENDED OVER
- CMU
- Brick
- Wood
- Tilt-up
- Foam
- Previously painted surfaces

APPLICATION
Surface Preparation
A sample wall is recommended for field approval by the architect, manufacturer’s representative, and contractor. All surfaces shall be clean, dry and sound. Surface contaminants such as dust, dirt, mildew form oils and loose substrates should be thoroughly removed. Loose, flaking, or oxidized paint surfaces must be thoroughly removed by sandblasting, water blasting, electric sanding, or wire brushing as required by the manufacturer. For interior or exterior use.

Application Equipment
Apply with hopper gun, trowel, plaster knife, hawk and trowel, or other hand tool.

Application Rate
12 to 25 square feet per gallon, depending upon surface porosity and type of finish, and wall configuration. See order information for more on coverage rate.

Do not thin.

Application of SKIM COTE
No primer is typically required before the SKIM COTE is applied. Primer may be required on previously painted surfaces, depending on the condition of the substrate. Cannot be applied to rotten or wet wood. Concrete and mortar joints should be cured 7 to 10 days prior to use of SKIM COTE.

Apply with hopper gun, trowel or plaster knife in cracks and joints up to 3/8" depth. Depending on the width, a second coat may be required due to a slight shrinkage factor in the material.

Feather edges using plaster knife or trowel. Application can be accomplished by hoppering on the SKIM COTE, and troweling the material smooth into joints. Alternate application can be made by trowling the material into joints with hawk and trowel.

Maintenance
Coat SKIM COTE with finish coat. For best results, coat within 30 days.

Clean-Up
Clean wet material with water. Clean dry material with MEK.

Drying / Curing Time
Dry to touch within 4 to 8 hours. Firm set within 24 hours. Full cure up to 30 days.

FOR BEST PERFORMANCE
Application of the SKIM COTE shall be applied under the following conditions:
1. Rain is not imminent and surfaces are not damp or frozen. Avoid freezing product.
2. Temperature is within a 45°F to 100°F range (7°C to 38°C).
3. Incompatible substrate release agents, form oils, and any foreign matter shall be removed prior to application.
4. Roof and parapet top caps shall be installed and sealed against water penetration prior to priming & coating.
5. Material use is above grade only. Do not use below grade.
6. Retaining walls, planter boxes, etc. must be waterproofed on the backside with a below grade asphaltic type material prior to backfilling.
7. Mix thoroughly before using. Product must be stored and handled as specified by manufacturer and used within 12 months.
8. Do not use on moving joints or unsound concrete, wood, etc.
Upon completion of application of coating in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendations, Textured Coatings of America, Inc. will extend its limited commercial warranty for product replacement as a result of defect in the material. The manufacturer must be notified prior to the application of the coating and the application must be in compliance with the manufacturer’s recommendations for installation. Textured Coatings of America, Inc. shall have no obligation to contribute to or otherwise participate in labor or cost associated with effecting repairs. Specimen copy of material warranty is available upon request.

**ORDER INFORMATION**

**Packaging**
Available in 5 gallon containers, 30 gallon drums

**Application Rate**
Application rate dependent upon use. Filling recessed block lines and skimming the surface of the block typically requires 18 to 25 square feet per gallon. Application rate is dependent upon the surface porosity and block /mortar irregularity.

For estimation purposes:
- 12.5 square feet per gallon yields 1/8” film thickness.
- 25 square feet per gallon yields 1/16” film thickness.

**Shelf Life**
Twelve month shelf life under proper conditions:
- Containers must be stored upright and airtight in a dry space.
- Maintain air temperature of 45°F – 100°F (7°C – 38°C).
- Skins formed on surface of material must be removed prior to moving containers or mixing.

**SAFETY**

**Warning**
Contains crystalline silica. Use with adequate ventilation. Do not breathe spray mist or dust. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling.

**First Aid**
If you experience difficulty in breathing, leave area to obtain fresh air. If difficulty continues, seek medical attention. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with large quantities of water for at least 15 minutes. Seek medical attention if blurring or redness continues.

**VOC COMPLIANCE**
All TEX•COTE® products comply with federal and state Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) rules and regulations. Please contact your nearest TCA office for assistance on the local VOC compliance in the area of intended use.

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