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# PRODUCT SPECIFICATION SHEET

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1. **PRODUCT NAME**

## **DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat**

2. **MANUFACTURER**

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3. **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

**Basic Use:** DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat is a cement-based, polymer modified coating for masonry, concrete and other vertical or overhead surfaces. It is used as a base substrate for DURUS<sup>®</sup> brand vertical and overhead finishes. DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat bonds to the surface and fills small voids and joints when applied with a plasterer's steel trowel.

**Composition and Materials:** DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat is a precisely proportioned, ready-to-use material that is packaged with two parts. Part I consists of a modified acrylic liquid. Part II consists of a dry mixture of sand and cement.

**Limitations:** The use of any type of additive, admixture or modifier should not be used with DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat, unless recommended and approved in writing by Durus International Corporation.

Do not apply over wet concrete or where water vapor is being transmitted through the concrete. Make sure prepared surface is dry enough to accept the DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat. New concrete should be at least 7 days old before any DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat is applied. Substrate temperature should be no lower than 40°F (4.4°C) during application, lower temperatures may cause longer setting time. If rain is anticipated before initial set can occur, installation of this product should not be permitted. Adequate precautions shall be taken to protect freshly applied DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat from sudden, unexpected rain or other disturbances. This product will accept most paints after 7 days of curing.

**Precautions:** Contents include Portland cement, silica sand and acrylic. Avoid breathing dust from dry mixture. Contains silica dust that can be harmful to your health if inhaled. Avoid contact with eyes and extended contact with skin. If material comes in contact with eyes, flush with water repeatedly and contact physician immediately. For further information, see DURUS Plaster Basecoat Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

4. **INSTALLATION**

**Surface Preparation:** To assure the strongest possible bond, substrate must be sound, free of all contaminants such as curing compounds, oil, dust, paint, efflorescence, and other foreign matter. Remove all loose, chipped, spalled, honeycombed, or contaminated concrete. All vertical discrepancies such as grout joints should first be filled with either DURUS<sup>®</sup> Plaster Basecoat or DURUS<sup>®</sup> Cement Wash Basecoat, depending on job requirement and condition. Preparation may involve acid etching, power washing, sandblasting, grinding, or other methods. DURUS<sup>®</sup> Primer should be sprayed on surface to enhance bonding, water resistance and workability of the DURUS<sup>®</sup> High Tech Cement products. Allow DURUS<sup>®</sup> Primer to dry tacky before applying DURUS<sup>®</sup> brand basecoat.

**Mixing Instructions:**

**50 lb. (22.68 kg) Pail:** Open the five-gallon (18.92 L) size pail. One half-gallon (1.89 L) size bottle of chemical is packaged in this container. Remove bottle of chemical and pour entire contents of bottle into a clean five-gallon (18.92 L) size pail. Utilizing the now empty bottle, fill it with cool, drinkable (potable) water and add to the chemical. Add the dry mix to the wet mixture. Mix entire contents thoroughly with a Jiffy-type mixing paddle attached to a drill, making sure that all of the dry mix is saturated evenly throughout. Additional water may be added at this time to achieve the desired working consistency. Do not overwet the mix.

All mixing equipment should be cleaned immediately to prevent product build-up.

**Placement Procedures:** DURUS® Primer should be applied to the surface prior to the application of DURUS® Plaster Basecoat. This material should only be applied by skilled craftsmen with the use of a plasterer's steel trowel. If other finishes are desired by architect or engineer, contact your authorized DURUS® representative.

**Curing:** Curing time for DURUS® Plaster Basecoat is approximately 24 to 48 hours at 85°F (29.4°C), but may vary depending on temperature and other climatic conditions. Initial set time is 4-5 hours. DURUS® Plaster Basecoat is moisture and temperature sensitive and will cure accordingly.

**5. PACKAGING & COVERAGE**

**Packaging:** DURUS® Plaster Basecoat is packaged in one size. The 50 lb. (22.68 kg) net weight unit comes packaged in a five-gallon (18.92 L) plastic bucket with one half-gallon (1.89 L) plastic bottle of modified acrylic liquid. The modified acrylic liquid is enclosed in a plastic bottle to keep separate until mixing.

**Coverage:** Each 50 lb. (22.68 kg) unit will cover 50 sq. ft. (4.64 sq. M) at approximately 1/8" (3.175 mm) thickness. Coverage may vary depending on surface condition and applicator's technique.

**6. WARRANTY**

Durus International Corporation warrants that DURUS® Plaster Basecoat manufactured by it shall be free from material defects. THIS WARRANTY IS GIVEN IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. DURUS INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION MAKES NO WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY OR FOR FITNESS OF PURPOSE. Should the DURUS® Plaster Basecoat be proven defective, the liability to Durus International Corporation shall be solely limited to the replacement of the material proven to be defective (material only, no labor). The replacement of the DURUS® Plaster Basecoat shall be the exclusive remedy. Durus International Corporation shall not be liable for any consequential damages. User shall determine the suitability of the product for its intended use and shall assume all risks and liability in connection therewith.

**7. TECHNICAL SERVICES**

Durus International Corporation personnel are available to provide technical assistance by contacting the Corporate Office or the Manufacturing Plant as listed in Section 2 of this document.

<p>This information is designed to guide the user and has been conscientiously compiled according to the latest state of Durus International Corporation's technology. No liability can be accepted in connection with the use of the product because of the great variety of applications, materials, and working conditions.</p>
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