

# **Specification Document**

Concrete Polished Plaster - Suitable for application to interior walls, columns and ceilings

Product Texture	Please specify texture below:
*Concrete finishes : Polished, Semi	
polished, Honed, Weathered, Matt,	
Pitted, Raked, Floated	
Product Colour Reference	
*Colour : Endless variety of colours and	
options available, consult with	
Surfaceform for confirmation	
Optional Re inforcing System	Included Excluded
*Reinforcing System: recommend the	
use of our reinforcing system to reduce	
the risk of cracks appearing on the	
surface. The system will not stop	
substrate cracks.	
Manufacturer	Surfaceform A19Kilcronagh Business Park, Cookstown,
	Co. Tyrone BT80 9HJ
Installer	Supplied and installed by Surfaceform
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Manufacturer Email	info@surfaceform.com
Manufacturer Tel	0208 816 8160 or 028 86769607
Product Location	
Drawing Numbers	
Thickness	0.75mm -1.25mm.add an extra 1.25mm for optional reinforcing
	coat
Substrate	Skimmed or Dry-lined plasterboard. Please see substrate
	guideline documents for detailed
	information as below:
Lead Time	4-6 weeks from order to allow for batching and batch sample
	approval
Application Process	Prime surface. Optional: Install Reinforcing system. Apply base
	coat. Apply 3no concrete. Apply wax/sealer as per approved
	sample. Temperature for installation between 10 - 30 °C
Optional Imprinted detail	A sized EPS or PDF is provided to Surfaceform of the finalised
	design.
Programme	Finish is applied on site as late in the build as possible and may
	need to be protected during the completion of the project.
	Programme TBC at Order stage.



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Drying Time	Touch dry – 3hours at 20 C
	Carbonation - 48hours at 20 C
	Fully dry – 180 days.
Finish	The finish can be polished to give a smooth sheen or left more
	matt with varied texture like the semi polished and honed finish.
	More textured finishes like the weathered, floated and raked
	concrete create more depth within the concrete plaster
	replicating the raw industrial look
Fire	Fire: Class O British and Class B Euroclass. Smoke: Class O British
	and Class B Euroclass.
	Tests carried out in the UK in accordance with BSEN 13823:2002.
	Fire: 0 Flame Spread Index (FSI). Smoke: 10 Smoke Development
	Index (SDI)
	Tests carried out in the USA in accordance with ASTM E 84-16.

### Substrate

Please see next page for substrate guidelines.



## Substrate Construction Guidelines Metal Studs

Metal stud walls are to be constructed with uprights at 300mm centers. Walls need to be constructed plum and straight with plenty of horizontal supports. Support all 4 sides of the board sheet. Board must be fixed in two layers using screws at 300mm fixing centers (minimum centers). Joints should be staggered between the two layers of board. The aim is to achieve a very well supported solid wall with no bumps, ridges between sheets or structure movements.

This information must be used in conjunction with the

MF manufactures guidelines.

#### **Timber Studs**

Timber stud walls need to be extra well-constructed using only good quality timbers, kiln dried and well-seasoned. We recommend uprights are at no less than 300mm centers with plenty of extra horizontal supports.

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We recommend that in curved areas walls are sheeted with high quality plywood to support the plasterboard.

Timber structures need to be kept dry and consideration of moisture content within the building always considered during construction. If a building is very cold or has high moisture content the stud wall can take a long time to fully dry out. Walls that are not fully dry can shrink when drying thus resulting in movement or cracks.

Plasterboard must be fixed in two layers with suitable screws at 300mm fixing centers (minimum centers). Joints should be staggered between the two layers of board.

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## Substrate Preparation Dry-Lined Surfaces

The finishes can be applied to dry-lined surfaces provided the wall is straight, plumb and solid. Joints between sheets need to be fully filled, taped with a good quality jointing compound and suitable jointing tape. All joints need to be flush and finely sanded. Angle beads need to be fitted to all external corners and openings. Expansion beads need to be fitted where relevant. Beads need to be feathered back from using a good quality jointing compound and sanded.

#### Skimmed Plasterboard

This is suitable for our finishes provided the wall has been well constructed as detailed above; plasterboard joints are filled and taped. The walls need to be well skimmed with no bumps or ridges. Walls need to be straight and plumb. Good structures that are well plastered are essential for decorative finishes.

### **Masonry Substrates**

Internal Most rendered internal walls can have a decorative finish applied. All blockwork/concrete require plaster coats prior to our finish. Two coats of sand and cement with a fine float finish or most traditional basecoat plasters finished with a skim coat are normally sufficient. All finishes need to be completed to a high standard being straight and plumb with no trowel or float marks. These need to be fully dry as per the plaster manufactures instructions.

New builds are prone to settlement cracks and we recommend our anti-crack system is used to reduce the risk of settlement cracks appearing through the plaster surface.



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#### **Decorated Walls & Ceilings**

Do not use over wall paper. Remove all traces of wallpaper and paste residue. Any loose material needs to be removed, backgrounds filled and sanded. Repaired substrates need to be fully dry prior to application of our plaster finishes. Walls need to be straight with no bumps. Pre-painted walls can be coated over if the paint is well attached. Sand walls prior to all applications. Fill or replaster walls if required. Fillers and plasters need to be fully dry before application of our products. Ideally, walls and ceilings need to be structurally sound with no ridges or bumps.

#### **MDF Substrates**

This is a good substrate for all our plaster finishes and an easy way to create feature panels off-site. We recommend it is primed on all sides with a good quality wood primer. This is to reduce the risk of soaking in moisture and swelling. MDF should not be subjected to any moisture before or after our finishes have been applied. We do encourage that sheet sizes are considered and considered part of the design. MDF will always crack in the joint where sheets meet therefore a space between each sheet is required.

#### **Beads**

Normal rendering and expansion beads need to be fitted to all corners and openings. These should be well fitted prior to plastering and finished flush the same as for decorating with normal paints.

#### Dust

All dust and dirt needs to be removed prior to our applications.

#### **Anticrack**

We recommended that our anti-crack systems are used on top of all substrates as it reduces the risk of cracks appearing on the surface

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