



GAMATEX™ FINISHING SYSTEM APPLICATION METHODOLOGY

Weber Gamatex™ is a trowel applied textured acrylic bonded plaster available in various colours. Weber Gamatex™ contains selected graded aggregates to produce a grooved finish resulting in various patterns.

Site Setup and General Requirements

- Scaffolding, where required, must be positioned between 400mm and 600mm away from the substrate to ensure adequate working space and to avoid compromising application technique.
- Comprehensive site inspection reports must be completed prior to application, during application, and upon completion, to ensure proper documentation for quality control and warranty purposes.
- All plaster surfaces must be checked for irregularities. High and low spots are to be rectified using suitable Weber wall skimming mortars (such as: Weber Basecoat, a.b.e Duralatex, Weber Plastermix).
- Material must be stored in a cool, dry environment, protected from direct sunlight and moisture. Product is to be thoroughly re-mixed prior to application to ensure consistency.
- Partially used material should not be stored for extended periods, and it is recommended that complete units are used during application.

Surface Preparation

- The substrate must be smooth, even, and finished to a wood float standard prior to application.
- All plaster must be allowed to cure for a minimum of 28 days, ensuring that moisture content does not exceed 8%, as verified by a suitable moisture meter.
- Surfaces must be clean, dry, and free from dust, loose particles, efflorescence, or contaminants that may affect adhesion.
- Painted surfaces must be assessed for adhesion using a pull-off test. Any poorly bonded coatings must be removed through mechanical preparation such as scraping or sanding to achieve a sound, porous surface.
- The substrate must be sufficiently absorbent, and good adhesion between all layers must be ensured prior to application.



Application Conditions

- Application should be carried out during cooler periods of the day, preferably early morning.
- Ambient and surface temperatures must be maintained between 5°C and 30°C during application.

Application must not proceed under the following conditions:

- When rain or frost is expected within 24 hours
- In wet, damp, or humid conditions
- In direct sunlight
- In excessively windy conditions

Adequate protection must be provided to all treated surfaces for a minimum of 24 hours after application.

Application Procedure

- Application must be carried out in a continuous manner per panel or section, ensuring completion within the same working period to avoid colour and texture variation.
- Only material from the same batch number should be used on a single elevation or panel. Where multiple batches are required, material should be blended prior to application to ensure colour consistency.
- For large surface areas, the use of tape joints or panel divisions is required to control the finish and prevent the formation of dry joints. Panel sizes should not exceed 20m².
- A wet edge must be maintained at all times during application to ensure uniformity.
- Application must be carried out using a steel trowel, followed by finishing with a plastic trowel to achieve the desired texture and pattern.
- Consistent tools and application techniques must be maintained throughout the project to ensure a uniform appearance.
- Do not leave substrate panels/sections incomplete (induce a joint where necessary with masking tape)
- Do use complete Gamatex™ bucket and avoid long term storage (1 month storage time) of incomplete units

Cleaning and Maintenance

- All tools and equipment must be cleaned immediately after use with clean water to prevent material build-up and damage.
- Finished surfaces may be cleaned using a mild, pH-neutral detergent and water.
- For areas affected by biological growth such as algae or mould, a suitable biocide treatment should be applied.
- After cleaning, all surfaces must be thoroughly rinsed with clean water to remove any residue.



Limitations and Precautions

The following practices must be strictly avoided:

- Application over uncured plaster (less than 28 days)
- Application onto wet, damp, or contaminated surfaces
- Failure to remove loose paint, dust, or friable material
- Omission of adhesion testing on painted substrates
- Use of inconsistent tools or application techniques
- Allowing dry joints to form or exceeding recommended panel sizes

The use of the following during cleaning is prohibited:

- Harsh or abrasive chemicals
- Ammonia-based cleaners
- Bleach

High-pressure cleaning methods, including pressure washers, must not be used, as they may damage the finish.

Delays in cleaning tools must be avoided, as hardened material will compromise equipment usability.