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PRODUCT DATA

GUARDIAN

To finish strong you need a Superior Base Coat that can not only protect but waterproof the surface. Premium Guardian is formulated with extremely flexible waterproof polymers and fibered for improved tensile strength. Guardian embeds easily into Master Wall® mesh as part of a weather protection strategy.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Waterproof base coat
- Base coat for Master Wall CIFS®, EIFS and other Systems
- Leveling coat for Cemplaster Fiberstucco and other stucco products
- Mixes with Portland cement to a creamy consistency
- 100% Acrylic Polymers for durability
- Water-based - easy clean up with water

Application Temperature: 40°-110°F (5°-43°C) Working Time: 1 hour. Set Time: varies, Dry Time: 12 hours. at room temperature, working and drying time will vary with temperature and humidity.

JOB CONDITIONS

Air and substrate temperature for application of Guardian must be 40°F (5°C) or higher and must remain 40°F (5°C) or higher for a minimum of 24 hours. Provide temporary protection to protect the wall system from damage until permanent flashings, caps and sealants are installed. Store materials within prescribed temperature limits and out of direct sunlight. Working and drying times are based upon normal room temperature conditions and will vary with temperature and humidity.

PREPARATION

The substrate must be approved by Master Wall Inc.®, clean, dry, structurally sound and free of efflorescence, oil, grease, form release agents and curing compounds or anything that would affect bond. Painted surfaces are generally unacceptable without evaluation. Reference Technical Bulletins #173 and #187 for additional information.

Coverage per pail (sf/m²)*

1/8" (3.2 mm) sealer:
45-50 (4-4.6)

1/16" (1.6 mm) base coat :
89-100 (8.3-9.3)

**All coverage is approximate and depend upon substrate, details and individual application*

Packaging/Shelf Life/Storage

Packaging: 5 gallon (19 L) pail

Shelf Life: 2 years

Storage: Protect from extreme heat - 90°F (32°C), freezing and direct sunlight.

Technical Data

- *ASTM C297/E2134 - min 30 psi (208 kPa)*
- *ASTM D897 - min 22 psi (152 kPa)*
- *ASTM D2247 - Pass*
- *ASTM E96 - 12 perms*
- *ASTM E331 - Pass to 12.0 psf (575 Pa)*
- *ASTM E2485/EIMA 101.01* - Pass*

Hazard: This chemical is not considered hazardous according to the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard 2012 (29 CFR 1910.1200).

VOC: Less than 50 g/L.

Approved Substrates

- Exterior gypsum sheathing (ASTM C1396, C1177) - Dens Glass Gold®, GlasRoc®, FiberBond®, Gold Bond e2xp®, Securock® Weather Defense Platinum™ , etc.
- Cement Board (ASTM C1325) - Durock®, PermaBase®, Util-A-Crete®, ProTEC®, ProGUARD®, etc.
- Concrete
- Brick
- Masonry
- Metal Lath - Adhesive Application
- Adheres to Rollershield
- Others approved in writing

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Mixing - Thoroughly stir Guardian using a heavy duty 1/2" (12.7 mm) drill at 400 - 500 rpm and a heavy duty mixing paddle. Add Type I or I-II Portland cement to the pail of Guardian and fill to the top (approximately 20 lbs., 9 kg) and mix to a homogenous consistency. Let the mixture stand for 3 to 5 minutes and then stir to a creamy consistency. Up to 18 ounces (0.5 L) of clean, potable water may be added to a half pail to adjust workability. Do not over mix as faster setting or reduced working time can occur. Do not add accelerators or retarders to the Guardian mixture.

Application - Adhesive/Sealer application – Apply the Guardian mixture approximately 1/8' (3.2 mm) thick directly to the approved substrate using a stainless steel trowel. If used to adhere insulation, stipple the Guardian adhesive coat by pressing the trowel into the wet adhesive and then pulling it away from surface. Immediately apply the insulation board to the wet adhesive. Make sure that all edges of the insulation board are abutted tightly and that no Guardian mixture gets into the board joints. Do not allow the Guardian mixture to form a skin prior to placing the insulation board on the substrate.

For base coat application – All imperfections in the insulation board must be rasped flush and any gaps in the insulation board must be filled with slivers of insulation. Apply the Guardian mixture over the entire surface of the insulation board in a thickness greater than that of the reinforcing fabric being used (approximately 1/16" (1.6 mm) for standard mesh and 3/32" (2.4 mm) for Ultra Mesh). Immediately embed the reinforcing fabric into the wet Guardian mixture and smooth from the center to the edge to avoid wrinkles. The reinforcing fabric must be continuous at all corners and lapped or abutted in accordance to Master Wall specifications. The color of the mesh shall not be visible but a slight mesh pattern may be visible.

As a leveling coat over approved concrete, masonry, stucco, and other surfaces, apply the Guardian mixture over the entire surface a nominal 1/16" (1.6 mm) thick. Where reinforcing mesh is specified, follow application methods for insulation board above.

For Sloped Surfaces—Embed reinforcing mesh in Guardian as noted in the base coat application. If Guardian is used on the sloped surface only, consider a skim coat of the wall base coat to equalize finish absorption and color. Minimum recommended slope is 1:2 and maximum run is 18" (0.46 m) with two-layers of Standard Mesh. Consult Master Wall and local code requirements for specifics.

Clean Up—Tools and equipment can be cleaned with soapy water while the Guardian is still wet.

Limitations - Guardian is not intended for water immersion.

WARNING, THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS SILICA
If sanding or scraping are performed, ventilate work area and/or use a NIOSH/ MSHA-approved respirator in accordance with our Safety Data Sheet.

Health & Safety

WARNING! Causes eye and skin irritation. Precautionary Statement Wash hands thoroughly after handling. Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Contact: Immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 to 20 minutes. Ensure adequate flushing of the eyes by separating the eyelids with fingers. Get immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact: Immediately wash skin with plenty of soap and water for 15 to 20 minutes, while removing contaminated clothing and shoes. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

Inhalation: If inhaled, remove to fresh air. If not breathing, give artificial respiration or give oxygen by trained personnel. Seek immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician or poison control center immediately. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Store locked up. Dispose of contents/ container in accordance with Local, State, Federal and Provincial regulation.

Spills: Collect with suitable absorbent material such as cotton rags.

Disposal: Dispose of in accordance with local, state or federal regulations.

Warning: KEEP CONTAINER CLOSED WHEN NOT IN USE. KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. NOT FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION. FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY. Consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) in the Products section at masterwall.com for further health and safety information.

LIMITED WARRANTY
This product is subject to a written limited material or system warranty. Obtain a warranty from the Tech Support tab of our website. Refer to Specifications for more complete information on proper use and handling of this product.

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