

Preparation and Coating Recommendations

Substrate: Clay & Cement Bricks (Bagged)



Dulux AcraTex gives you a texture coating system that lasts a lifetime*

When building your new project, it makes sense to protect your home against the harsh elements. That's why Dulux promotes the AcraTex 3-coat system, designed to give you maximum design flexibility and maintain the coatings good looks now and for years to come.

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Primer – the key



Dulux AcraTex AcraPrime 501/1

Is a roller applied acrylic primer used to consolidate the surface suction of the brickwork, as well as providing inter-coat adhesion for following texture coat.

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Texture Coating – the look & body



Dulux AcraTex 959 Contempo ADVANCE Coarse (Brush texture example as shown)

Creates a natural sandy feature over brickwork. The base coat is conventionally applied by roller, then whilst wet finished with either a coarse brush stroke or by sponge finishing achieving the desired appearance.

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Texture Coating – the look & body



Dulux AcraTex 959 Contempo ADVANCE Coarse (Brush texture example as shown)

The finish coat is also conventionally applied by roller, then whilst wet finished with either a coarse brush stroke or by sponge finishing achieving the desired appearance. Note: Final texture appearance will vary depending upon application method and condition of original brickwork and depth of mortar joint.



Texture Systems

Information Sheet

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Applications

Found on both new and old buildings this substrate is constructed with many types of clay fired and cement bricks. All, with the exception of hard-fired glazed bricks, provide good adhesion for *Dulux AcraTex* coating systems. Brickwork is laid in cement mortar joints that can be finished with a rolled joint (curved shallow recess), a raked joint (square recess) or a flush joint (flush to surface).

Description

New and old buildings unglazed Clay Bricks and Cement Bricks are great substrates for the *Dulux AcraTex* coating systems. *Dulux AcraTex Contempo ADVANCE* creates a traditional bag finish in two coats without the problems associated with sand and cement render. *Dulux AcraTex Contempo ADVANCE* is a revolutionary new product range that featuring an anti-wet *Dulux AcraTex Contempo ADVANCE* formulation that resists moisture passage and dirt pick up.

Key features/benefits

- Weather resistance
- Fast and economical coating system
- Long term maintenance free performance
- Waterphobic resistance
- Huge colour range

Installation

Building detail must comply with relevant building codes and be in accordance with substrate manufacturers recommendations. Follow Brick manufacturers recommendations.

For both new and existing brick work the surface must be clean and sound, new surfaces must be free of powdery/sand mortar residue (particularly flush jointed brickwork). All dirt, mud, mould, fungus, stains or other contaminants must be removed.

Coating

Today's contemporary designs demand attractive weather resistant coatings that deliver economical long-term maintenance free performance, without the issues with traditional site mixed sand & cement bagging renders. Refer to the www.acratex.com.au site to view the two different finishes, coarse and fine, and their flexible finishing options online. Alternatively samples and *Dulux AcraTex Contempo ADVANCE* brochures can be obtained through your builder or trained applicator when selecting your preferred finish.

SOME COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What determines a good job?

How many times have you heard that preparation is the key? This is paramount in getting the best job. Combine thorough preparation with the application of the *Dulux AcraTex* texture system by an experienced trained applicator and the result is a high quality finish.

How long will a typical house take to coat?

Typically, this should take 3-4 days; one day for masking, preparation & priming, two days for *Dulux AcraTex Contempo ADVANCE* application and finishing. Of course this is subject to weather conditions and the size of the project.

What is the maintenance / cleaning cycle?

Your house is possibly the largest investment you will make, so keeping your house in good shape makes sense. As a rule of thumb, get your home pressure cleaned (including your joinery) every 12 - 18 months, however around coastal regions every 6 months.

How many colours are available?

Colour is our business! You have well over 2,500+ colours to choose from within the Dulux colour specifier range to choose from. Ask your builder for a Dulux colour chart.

Is the *Dulux AcraTex* system weatherproof?

Yes, the *Dulux AcraTex* system has been designed to prevent water ingress through the film of *Dulux AcraTex AcraShield*, but allows water vapour out, so the system will breathe.

When will I need to repaint?

This depends on the original coating as well as the environment and maintenance cycle. On average, you will have in excess of 7 - 10 years before repainting is required.

Is there a *Dulux AcraTex* warranty?

Yes, *Dulux* provides a 7 year warranty for *Dulux AcraTex* materials and the trained applicator will give you a 7 year workmanship warranty.

Why specify *Dulux AcraTex*?

When you specify *Dulux AcraTex* products, you immediately get the peace of mind that you are using a proven system and dealing with a company with the reputation and success of *Dulux*.

Specifying a quality *Dulux AcraTex* system gives you:

- Superior weather proofing • Creative freedom • Stable long lasting colour
- Proven performance • Cost effectiveness • Guaranteed quality
- Low maintenance

This leaflet should be read in conjunction with the product specification sheets available at <http://www.acratex.com.au/info/>

Trained Applicator:

For further information call 13 23 77 or go to: www.acratex.com.au

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