

Preparation and Coating Recommendations

Substrate: James Hardie® ExoTec® façade panel & fixing system



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

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

1

Primer – the key



Dulux AcraTex AcraPrime 501/2

Is roller applied to seal and bind the Exotec® panel as well as providing excellent inter-coat adhesion for following texture coat. Two coats should be applied over cut edges or sanded patches at the time of cutting or sanding.

2

Texture Coating – the look & body



Dulux AcraTex 955 AcraShield (coating example shown)

Typically Dulux AcraTex Roll On finishes are applied. Low profile smooth-fine finishes are perfect for this smooth substrate. The Texture coat provides the 'look' or overall appeal (to suit your preference), practical coverage ability (for applicator/painter ease & efficiency), and integrity & flexibility for long term (technical performance).

3

Top Coat – the finishing coat



Dulux AcraTex 955 AcraShield Matt

A second coat of Dulux AcraTex 955 AcraShield is required.

Roller applied Dulux AcraTex 955 AcraShield upgrades the entire system's long-term integrity, providing resistance to atmospheric pollution and protection from ultra violet, moisture ingress and salt penetration. It also provides a flexible protective layer that minimises dirt pick up, so the surface stays looking new longer.



Texture Systems

Information Sheet

James Hardie® ExoTec® façade panel & fixing system



Applications

The “express panel” look is an emerging design trend. Originally used on commercial buildings, it is also becoming very popular on industrial and residential buildings. ExoTec® façade panel is eye-catching for feature areas in composite designs. Make the most of the “express panel” look by painting bright or daring colours.

Description

ExoTec® facade panel and fixing system is a new, low maintenance, panelised cladding option made by using James Hardie's® breakthrough fibre cement technology. This has produced a panelised look, which is strong, durable and easily maintained.

Key features/benefits

- Pre-sealed on all six sides
- Manufactured from high-density cement reinforced with cellulose fibre
- Strong and rigid with a smooth, dense sheet surface
- Improved stability for a wide range of panel finishes
- A panel that is easy to texture or paint

Installation

Building workmanship must comply with relevant building codes and be in accordance with the current James Hardie® ExoTec® façade panel and fixing system Technical Specification and Installation Manual.

Coating

Roll-On texture finishes are commonly used to coat ExoTec® façade panels. The benefit in using Dulux AcraTex acrylic texture coatings is that you have the ability to choose a proven system complemented with a rich spectrum of colours from the deepest, boldest colours to the most natural looking neutrals, allowing maximum design flexibility and freedom. Refer to the www.acratex.com.au site to view the different texture profiles online. Alternatively samples can be obtained through your architect, 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 and preparation, two days for priming and top coating with Dulux AcraTex AcraShield. Of course this is subject to weather conditions and the size of the project.

What is the maintenance / cleaning cycle?

Your property 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 glazing & 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/>

For further information call **13 23 77** or go to: www.acratex.com.au.
For further information on ExoTec® façade panel and fixing system visit www.jameshardie.com.au or Ask James Hardie™ on **13 11 03**.

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