

DESCRIPTION

Skimit is a ready-to-use, trowel-applied material used to smooth a properly installed Dryvit reinforced base coat over insulation board. It is specifically formulated to achieve a smooth surface free of trowel marks and small ridges. Skimit is intended for use in small areas such as bands or in panels of a maximum 1.5 m x 1.5 m (5 ft x 5 ft) area that require a smooth coating such as Dryvit Reflectit™.

USES

Provides a smooth surface for subsequent application of Dryvit Reflectit.

COVERAGE

For application on a typical Dryvit cementitious reinforced base coat, coverage will be approximately 32 m² (350 ft²) per pail when applied in two coats. Skimit is shipped in 30 kg (65 lb) pails.

PROPERTIES

Drying Time – Under average drying conditions [21 °C (70 °F), 50% R.H.], Skimit will dry in 24 hours after the final coat is applied.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Job Conditions – Air and surface temperatures must be 4 °C (40 °F) or higher and must remain so for a minimum of 24 hours.

NOTE: Not recommended for application during time of direct sunlight exposure. If necessary, drape the scaffold with nursery shade cloth or other suitable material to shade the wall during application.

Surface Preparation – The reinforced base coat shall have been applied using the two-pass method as described in the system application instructions. Ensure that no mesh pattern is visible. Once the base coat is dry; use a sanding rasp to eliminate any imperfections. Ensure that the base coat is dry and free of any dust, dirt or other contaminants.

Mixing – Open pail of Skimit and mix approximately one minute with a “Twister” paddle or equivalent mixing blade powered by a 12.7 mm (1/2 in) drill at 400-500 rpm just prior to application. Small additions of water, up to 120 ml (4 oz.) per pail, may be added as determined by temperature and applicator preference.

Application – Using a stainless steel trowel, apply a tight, thin coat of Skimit to the base coat free of trowel marks. Allow the thin coat of Skimit to take up for 15 – 30 minutes and then sand with a foam-sanding block (i.e. fine or very fine). Remove all sanding dust then apply a second coat in the same manner and allow it to dry for 10 – 20 minutes. Then sand again, as previously noted, to achieve a very smooth, blemish-free surface. The wall surface should then be checked closely for slight imperfections and touch up completed before proceeding. Remove all sanding dust with a damp cloth and thoroughly dry.

NOTE: Skimit must be allowed to fully dry – a minimum of 24 hours.

Completely remove all sanding dust prior to application of color-coordinated Color Prime™. Reflectit shall be applied after the Color Prime has fully dried. Apply the coating in accordance with published instructions for the specified product. When attempting to replicate smooth glossy panels, follow closely the spray application instructions for Color Prime and Reflectit outlined in Dryvit publication DS124, Reflectit Application Instructions. Do not roller apply Color Prime or Reflectit over Skimit as this can result in visible roller and lap marks in the final finished surface.

CAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Color Prime must be applied over Skimit before the application of Reflectit.
- Do not use Skimit to fill or level irregular, non-planar surfaces.
- Skimit is intended to be applied in very thin tight coats. Thicker applications may exhibit shrinkage, cracking, and prolonged exposure to water may result in blistering.
- Skimit is designed to be applied over a properly installed Dryvit reinforced base coat over insulation board to assist in achieving a smooth finish appearance. Application over other substrates or systems may compromise performance.
- **NOTE:** Do not apply Skimit over Color Prime or Reflectit.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Available on request