

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

H-BASE: Mix with water only (unless adverse impact conditions apply, in which case add one pint of H-Acryl per 50# bag) to the right consistency to embed the H-MESH in a 1/8" initial application on the H-Form wall. cut the M-MeSH into manageable sections, apply to the first 1/8" of H-BASE, smooth over and embed H-MESH with a round edge concrete trowel, always ensuring a minimum 2" overlap. Immediately apply a second 1/8" coat to a minimum overall thickness of ¼" (if you want to paint the stucco, make this second coat a minimum of 1/4" thick). Texture as needed. A sand float finish increases bonding of Top-Coat application. If you choose, this application may then be primed and painted, but we would always recommend applying an H-Forms color stucco finish (H\_TOPCOAT) as you will get a much higher quality finish for your project.

If you choose to paint your wall, we highly recommend applying a 1/8" Base Coat, embed the mesh, add another 1/4" Base coat and prime ready for painting. Priming may take at least two coats to prevent over absorption of the paint. In some cases, two paint coats may be necessary to create a quality paint finish.

## H-TOP COAT: FOR A FULL COLOR COAT FINISH:

Apply 1/4" H-BASE and H-MESH as defined above in "H-BASE FINISH". Mix each 90 pound bag of H-TOP COAT with ONE QUART of H-Acryl and enough water to achieve the right consistency. Apply to approximately 1/8" thickness with a stucco trowel or spray to wall to achieve required thickness & texture.

H-TOP COAT SMOOTH: THIS PRODUCT IS SPECIALLY BLENDED WITH TINY FINES TO ALLOW FOR A GLASS-LIKE FINISH AND BE VERY SMOOTH. IT TAKES SKILL AND WORK TO FINISH STUCCO SMOOTHLY AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE USE OF A PROFESSIONAL for this work. Apply the substrate of H-Base in the same way as described in H-TOP COAT above but add a second 1/8" application of H-TOP COAT SMOOTH and trowel to as smooth a texture as is required by spec.

**SMOOTH CONCRETE STUCCO FINISH:** Developed to assimilate a poured-in-place concrete finish, as well as cover ICF foundation walls, you can special-order this stucco which is applied as the other H-Stucco products above to a thickness of 3/8", including mesh.

**H-PROOF:** Our waterproofing is designed for landscaping walls only. We have other waterproof products for your building waterproofing. H-Proof, when applied, may result in very minor hairline cracks if applied in hot weather or in over-exposure to direct sun, but it should be no concern as water will stop at the foam anyway, as it would with your foam coffee cup, which does not leak!

Instructions: In a mixer or 5 gallon pail, mix each 50 pound bag of H-PROOF with 1 PINT of H-ACRYL and enough water to the right consistency for your application. Apply two 1/8" coats with embedded H-MESH in exactly the same way as H-BASE, above. When applying finishes to the dirt side of a H-Forms retaining wall, apply H-Proof side first and bring up to just below anticipated finish grade. **B**lend into H-BASE stucco base product, where they meet at proposed finish-grade. To ensure no H-Base is visible after back-fill, overlap H-Proof with colored H-Top-Coat down to a few inches below base-coat blended joint and finished grade.