

## How to achieve a cost effective Tuscan style rendered look:

As this is generally the first time most people have applied this type of finish it is highly recommended that you follow the procedure below on a small test panel first before applying to your finished SlimWall.

## Never apply in direct sun light unless experienced

### Products

#### Base Coat

We use and recommend Dulux Acra Sand texture paint. Acra Sand is available from Dulux trade or 3D stores only. Only a single base coat of this is required if overcoated with Dulux Weathershield (see top coat step below). If a different brand of sand based finish is selected (than specified above) please ensure that it is self-priming onto fibre cement/ masonry surfaces.

If it isn't then a base primer such as Dulux Acraprime will also be required.

NOTE: This base Acra Sand coat can (in most cases) be tinted near to the colour of your final topcoat at the time of purchase.

#### Top Coat

We use and recommend Dulux Weather Shield or a similar premium brand of exterior grade paint.

## Important please read before continuing

### Surface Preparation



#### Posts, Trim & Post Tops

The metal surfaces to be painted must be clean, dry and free of contaminants. Lightly scuff/rub down all Metal and Primed components with a Scotch Brite pad prior to the application of paint. Scotch Brite pads are available from most paint stores.

#### Panels

Prepare the surface by ensuring that the Wall Panels are clean, dry and free of contaminants. This can be achieved by means of a brush down with a stiff brush or rubbing very lightly with a 'Scotch Brite' pad.

## Application Procedure



1. Apply one coat of Dulux Arca sand to both the panel surface and Scotch Brieded Post surface with a 50-100 mm brush in a very random criss-cross pattern. The more random and erratic the better!

At this stage don't worry too much about patches that may look thicker or bare in comparison to the surrounding areas. This will be even out when the top paint finish is applied. Be cautious to avoid 'lumps' or 'runs' in the sand texture and try maintain a 'wet edge' to the paint.



2. Once you have applied the texture don't go back over it as it is starting to dry as that will only serve to 'fluff up' the semi dried texture finish. If you feel an area needs re applying wait until the sand texture is completely dry.
3. If your SlimWall contains a joint, paint the Acra Sand over the joint as normal. The joint will not completely disappear, but leave a faint line once completed as shown left.
4. Once the base coat of Acra Sand has dried, apply the topcoat of Dulux Weather Shield exterior paint (or similar) in the colour of your choice.

## Application Procedure for Dulux Weather Shield

Two coats of paint are required.

We recommend applying the first coat with a roller. Cut in the sections that the roller cannot access with a brush prior to applying the second coat. Let the first 'cutting in' dry and apply a second 'cutting in' coat prior to the second and final roller coat.

On a large job a spray application may be justified. Please see the paint manufacturer for advice on spray application.

**We recommend you paint your wall within 90 days of installation**