

Allegro, Fog Coat & Color Matching

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LaHabra Allegro Cement Coating and Fog Coat are bonding Cement Coatings, used to revive the existing color and beauty of Stucco or to virtually eliminate color differences caused by job site conditions like changes in the weather. Fog Coat looks best when spray applied. Fog Coat cures to become an integral part of the stucco surface to which it is applied. It will not peel like conventional paint; LaHabra Allegro and Fog Coat provide a durable and long-lasting integrally colored coating material for existing **un-painted** stucco finishes.

Fog Coat is formulated with portland cement, hydrated lime and lime-resistant mineral color Pigments. The same ingredients found in our stucco, minus only the sand. LaHabra Fog Coat can be applied to a **dry** stucco surface as soon as needed. Fog Coat can be applied if/as necessary and it is UV resistant, although like stucco it is porous and is susceptible to staining caused by rain such as, run off from roofs or splashing of dirt in planter areas. In order to reduce this we recommend the use of LaHabra Pro-Tect as a water repellant. To improve the performance and the bonding qualities of Fog Coat we recommend the use of LaHabra Acrylic Bonder as an admix, 1 quart for conventional finishes and up to 1 gallon for semi smooth finishes (Per 25 # bag). The acrylic admix should be added last after the mixing process has been completed and stirred in slowly so as not to entrain air. The normal water curing is eliminated with the use of Acrylic admix and the finish should remain dry for a minimum period of 72 hours in order to stabilize.

Before ordering Fog Coat, determine the type of surface texture to which the material will be applied. Different surface Finishes require a different color level of Fog Coat. LaHabra DX Fog Coat color level is formulated to match a sand float finish application. A textured stucco application will require approximately 25% to 50% more color pigment. A machine application will require approximately 50% to 100% more color pigment, unless the original color used is greater than 1 X Then use the original formula and increase it according to the type of finish.

Colors vary due to weather and job conditions. Prior to Fog Coating the surface, a sample should be applied and allowed to dry for color approval. Adjusting the color level can be performed at this time by simply adding additional color pigment from LaHabra's custom color pack of the same color.

Stucco finishes do not fade, but continue to darken with age. Prior to ordering Fog Coat, it is always a good to compare an actual sample to the wall surface to determine if additional color pigment will need to be added. LaHabra Fog Coat is **NOT** recommended for application over a high-density smooth surface.

Changing the color of a stucco finish with Allegro or Fog Coat is much like other coating materials in that the under color can be exposed with abrasion.

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