

Sto Canada Master Specification Sto Finish System for AAC (Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

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SPEC NOTE: IMPORTANT: This guide specification covers installation of a textured finish system over building code compliant AAC wall construction. It does not address air sealing, construction detailing, flashing and other important aspects of design and construction that must be taken into consideration to prevent water infiltration, to prevent condensation caused by air leakage or water vapour diffusion, and to comply with applicable fire safety requirements. Consult with a qualified design professional for overall design of the wall assembly.

SPEC NOTE: Notes in italics, such as this one, are explanatory and intended to guide the design/construction professional and user in the proper selection and use of materials. This specification should be modified where necessary to accommodate individual project conditions.

PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 SUMMARY

.1 Provide textured finish system for vertical above grade exterior or interior AAC wall surfaces.

1.2 SUBMITTALS

.1 Product Data: Submit manufacturer's product data and installation instructions for each material and product used. Include manufacturer's Safety Data Sheets.

1.3 REFERENCES

- .1 Masonry Standards
 - .1 TMS402/ACI530/ASCE 5, Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- .1 Manufacturer's Qualifications: The textured finish system manufacturer shall be a company with at least thirty five years of experience in manufacturing specialty finishes and regularly engaged in the manufacture and marketing of products specified herein. The manufacturer shall have an ISO 9001:2008 certified quality system and ISO 14001:2004 certified environmental management system.
- .2 Installer's Qualifications: The contractor shall be qualified to perform the work specified by reason of experience. Contractor shall have at least 5 years of experience in commercial textured finish application, and shall have completed at least 3 projects of similar size and complexity. Contractor shall provide proof before commencement of work that he/she will maintain and supervise a qualified crew of applicators through the duration of the work. When requested Contractor shall provide a list of the last three comparable jobs including the name, location, and start and finish dates for the work.
- .3 Mock-ups: The contractor shall install a mock-up of the system for evaluation and approval by the design professional, building owner, or owner's representative/quality assurance agent.



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> .4 Testing: Testing shall be conducted as directed by the design professional, building owner, or owner's representative/quality assurance agent to verify wall assembly performance and to verify adhesion to prepared substrates before and during construction.

1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- .1 Deliver products in original packaging, labeled with product identification, manufacturer, and batch number.
- .2 Store products in a dry area with temperature maintained between 10 and 29 degrees C (50 and 85 degrees F). Protect from direct sunlight. Protect from freezing. Protect from extreme heat (> 32 degrees C [90 degrees F]).
- .3 Handle products in accordance with manufacturer's printed instructions.

1.6 WARRANTY

.1 Provide manufacturer's standard limited warranty.

PART 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

SPEC NOTE: Select one of the following textured finish options, and delete the finishes not required on the project.

- .1 Textured Finishes
 - .1 Stolit Lotusan high performance decorative and protective textured wall finish with integral colour and Lotus-Effect® technology
 - .2 Stolit high performance decorative and protective acrylic-based textured wall finish with integral colour
 - .3 Sto Essence DPR high performance decorative and protective textured wall finish with integral colour

SPEC NOTE: The primer is an optional component. Priming is recommended to provide uniform substrate absorption and finish colour, to improve adhesion and water resistance, and to retard efflorescence. Delete this section if a primer will not be used.

.2 Primer

.1 Sto Primer – acrylic-based sanded primer

.3 Base Coat

.1 Sto BTS Xtra – one component polymer modified portland cement-based high build lightweight base coat

SPEC NOTE: Use waterproof base coat with Sto Mesh embedded for special conditions such as projecting foam trim or similar features over the standard base coat and mesh application to waterproof these surfaces. If these conditions do not exist delete this section.



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SPEC NOTE: Select one of the following waterproof base coat options, and delete the waterproof base coats not required on the project.

- .4 Waterproof Base Coat
 - .1 Sto Flexyl one component acrylic-based additive combined with portland cement
 - .2 Sto Watertight Coat two component acrylic-based additive with dry ingredient
- .5 Surface Reinforcement
 - .1 Sto Mesh nominal 153 g/m² (4.5 oz/yd²) glass fibre reinforcing mesh treated for compatibility with Sto materials

SPEC NOTE: Application of a surface conditioner is optional, depending on surface and weather conditions. If hot, dry conditions persist during the construction period StoPlex W can facilitate application of base coat by diminishing AAC surface absorption. Delete this section if the surface conditioner will not be used.

- .6 Surface Conditioner
 - .1 StoPlex W water-based acrylic surface conditioner for reducing absorption of highly absorbent surfaces
- .7 AAC
 - .1 AAC masonry units and mortar in compliance with the requirements of TMS402/ACI530/ASCE 5

PART 3 EXECUTION

3.1 INSTALLATION

SPEC NOTE: Coarse texture finishes (equal to or greater than 1.5 mm texturing aggregate) are recommended to hide trowel marks and other minor surface imperfections in the base coat surface. Fine or smooth texture finishes require tighter tolerances than coarse textures. Where fine or smooth texture finishes are used a second application of base coat and/or a skim coat of Stolit Milano may be necessary to provide a smooth enough surface for an acceptable finished wall surface. The approved mock up shall be the basis for acceptable tolerances, finished appearance, and the number of layers of base coat or skim coat needed to achieve the finished appearance, as determined by the design professional, owner, or owner's representative/quality assurance agent. Where the AAC wall surface is highly irregular or out of plane, or fails to conform dimensionally with the requirements of Section 3.1.1.1, the application of StoTherm® ci may be an acceptable means of correcting the AAC wall surface condition, as determined by the design professional, owner, or owner's representative/quality assurance agent.

- .1 General Surface Preparation
 - .1 AAC must be constructed in conformance with the applicable building code and manufacturer's written installation instructions. AAC must be clean, dry, and free of surface contamination. AAC surface shall be straight and true to within 3 mm in 3 m (1/8 inch in 10 feet) and free of voids, cracks, and other surface defects.
- .2 Mixing



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.1 Mix Sto products in accordance with published literature. Refer to applicable Product Bulletins for specific information on use, handling, application, precautions, and limitations of specific products.

.3 Application

.1 Rasp any high spots or mortar protrusions from the AAC wall surface to provide a uniform surface ready to receive the textured finish system.

SPEC NOTE: Delete step 2 if conditions do not require a surface conditioner.

- .2 Apply a uniform coat of StoPlex W by brush, roller or spray for highly absorbent surfaces.
- .3 Install a nominal 1.6 3 mm (1/16-1/8 inch) skim coat of the base coat material to the prepared AAC wall surface by trowel to fill and level the surface and allow to dry.
- .4 Install nominal 3 mm (1/8 inch) base coat by trowel to the skim coated wall surface. Work horizontally or vertically in strips of 1000 mm (40 inches), and immediately embed the mesh into the wet base coat by troweling from the center to the edge of the mesh. Overlap mesh not less than 65 mm (2-1/2 inches) at mesh seams and feather at seams. Double wrap all inside and outside corners with minimum 200 mm (8 inch) overlap in each direction. Avoid wrinkles in the mesh. The mesh must be fully embedded so that no mesh colour shows through the base coat when it is dry. Re-skim with additional base coat if mesh colour is visible.

SPEC NOTE: Delete steps 5 and 6 if the optional primer is not used.

- .5 When the base coat application is dry apply the primer by brush or roller to the entire base coat surface.
- .6 When the primer application is dry apply the textured finish by trowel. Apply finish in a continuous application, and work to a wet edge. Float the finish to achieve the desired texture.
- .7 Do not install base coat, reinforcing mesh or finish coat over joint sealants. Install over continuous AAC surface only.

.4 Protection

- .1 Provide protection of installed materials from water infiltration into or behind them during and after construction.
- .2 Provide protection of installed materials from dust, dirt, precipitation, freezing and continuous high humidity until they are fully dry.
- .3 Provide coping and/or flashing at sills, projecting features, deck attachments, roof/wall intersections, parapets and similar construction details to prevent water entry into the wall assembly or into and behind the finish system. Seal penetrations through the finished wall surface with backer rod and sealant or other appropriate means to provide a watertight condition.



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