

# FINE SKIM



Technical Data Sheet



## Combining exterior cladding with superior insulation.

Insulclad Fine Skim Finishing Render is a polymer modified cement based render that is one of the components of the Insulclad exterior insulated rendered wall system. It is designed as a finish coat that offers an attractive fine subtle granular texture ideally suited to modern construction while maintaining a traditional look. Other textures are available, refer to your supplier for the other finish renders that are available from the Insulclad range.

### Insulclad Fine Skim Finishing Render can be used as:

- As a finish coat render on Insulclad Core Panel polystyrene system when Insulclad Base Render is applied first or,
- As a finish coat render on Insulclad Pre-Mesh Panel polystyrene system.
- As a finish coat for blue board, Hebel, brick or block work and other masonry substrates.

Refer to [www.insulclad.com.au](http://www.insulclad.com.au) for installation manual when installing the Insulclad Rendered Wall System for both Core Panel and Pre-Mesh polystyrene systems.

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## Preparation

- Ensure any new concrete based wall substrates are allowed to cure for a minimum of 5 days before rendering. Ensure all surfaces are sound, dry and free from oil, dust, grease, wax, curing compounds, release agents and any other contaminating materials.
- Where excessive suction is a problem or when rendering over any porous substrate (other than Insulclad polystyrene systems), it is recommended that all surfaces should be primed first using Insulclad Joint Patch & Primer Additive mixed with water at a 1:1 ratio to form a primer mix. Apply this primer mix to the substrate surface before rendering. **WARNING**-do not over seal, apply only one coat of the primer mix to substrate surface.
- Add the same primer mix to the first coat of render to further improve water resistance properties in cases where excessive suction is a problem. Mix the primer mix at a maximum of 200ml per 20kg bag of render. **WARNING**-do not over seal, mix at no more than 200ml add rate per 20kg bag (mix rate may vary depending on site and weather conditions).
- **Application of primer mix is not necessary when installing complete Insulclad Rendered Wall System in either Core Panel or Pre-Mesh polystyrene systems.**

## Mixing

- The mixing ratio of Insulclad Fine Skim is 20kg of powder to approx. 4.5 litres of water (mix rate may vary depending on site and weather conditions).
- Pour 4.5 litres of clean water into a drum and then gradually add the Insulclad Fine Skim while mixing continuously until a smooth lump free mix is obtained.
- Always add powder to liquid. Allow the mix to stand for 10 minutes, re-stir and then apply the render onto substrate.

## Application

- Once the substrate has been appropriately prepared in accordance with the above instructions then apply the render onto surface. Apply a tight skim coat using a renderer's trowel.
- Insulclad Fine Skim should be applied in two tight coats to achieve the intended finish, at approximately 1.0mm thickness per coat. Insulclad Fine Skim is designed as a finish coat only and cannot be built up.
- Insulclad Fine Skim can be finished with a damp sponge to achieve a natural rendered look or a plastic float.
- Apply Insulclad Fine Skim render only when temperature is between 5°C to 38°C.
- The final coat must be painted with an acrylic paint sealer/primer and two coats of good quality 100% acrylic paint.
- Refer to [www.insulclad.com.au](http://www.insulclad.com.au) for render coat sequence guide when installing the complete Insulclad Rendered Wall System for the application steps that make up the full render system when using polystyrene wall panels as a substrate.

## Curing

- Newly applied render should be protected from hot drying winds, rain and water run off for the first 24 hours or until the initial hydration takes place.
- Subsequent coats can be applied after approx. 24 hours drying time (drying time may vary depending on site and weather conditions).
- Allow at least 5 days for curing (depending on weather conditions) before painting.

## Coverage

- Approx. 14m<sup>2</sup> per 20kg bag, depending on surface and application, when applied at min 1mm thickness.
- Two coats recommended.

## Storage & Shelf Life

- Bags of Insulclad Fine Skim must be stored in a dry area, preferably off the floor on a timber pallet. Rotate the stock to ensure the oldest material is used first.
- Max 12 months shelf life when stored in the manner described above and in the manufacturer's original packaging and packaging is unopened and in original condition as supplied by the manufacturer.

## Cleaning

- Insulclad Fine Skim can be cleaned off equipment with water, provided the compound has not dried out.
- Excess render can be cleaned from face of surface using a clean damp cloth while still wet.

## Health & Safety

- The powder is an irritant and may contain respirable silica. Paper dust protection masks must be worn while the product is being mixed.
- The wet compound is alkaline and prolonged skin contact should be avoided. People with sensitive skin must wear rubber gloves when handling this product.
- Material Safety Data Sheets are available at [www.insulclad.com.au](http://www.insulclad.com.au)

Properties	Results
Appearance	Light Grey Powder
Coverage	Up to 14m <sup>2</sup> @ 1mm
Dry Time @ 20°C	24 Hrs
Pot Life	45 mins pending conditions

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