

# Pre-sanded Cemwash



**PRE-SANDED CEMWASH** is an economical attractive decorative Portland Cement-based paint manufactured by Lafarge Cement Zimbabwe. It is sold as a powder, to which water has to be added. It is easily mixed and applied with a block brush. It provides a waterproof rock hard surface that will last for years. It is available in colours that include deep cream, mahogany, birch, cedar, oak, willow, pine, sandalwood, stinkwood, ash and aspen (white).

## **PROCESS**

- Cemwash is a fine powder and should be handled with care during mixing.
- Mix Cemwash and clean water as per the guidelines on the Cemwash packaging.
- Stir the chosen mix to a smooth paste before adding more water to produce a full bodied paint on further mixing.
- Mix no more material than will be applied within the hour.

## **APPLICATION**

- Apply first coat by scrubbing Cemwash mix well into the surface with a hand brush.
- If second coat is to be applied, allow the first to dry and harden (as a guide after 24 hours).
- Curing – Curing with a fine spray of clean water may be necessary during hot periods. In hot climates curing is essential for 3 – 5 days after application.

## **GOOD PRACTICE**

Do not apply:

- If there is frost within time of use.
- In damp/wet conditions.

## **USES**

- Suitable for internal and external use.
- Provides a decorative non glossy finish in a range of colours.
- May be brush or roller applied.
- Suitable for application to most building surfaces such as brickwork, block work and concrete.

## **SURFACE PREPARATION**

- All surfaces must be clean, dry and free from any material which may impair adhesion. Surface cracks and damage must be repaired with a suitable exterior filler.
- Any faults in the surface or structure particularly those that may lead to moisture penetration must be rectified.
- Absorbent areas should be primed with a dilution of Cemprover Constraints.
- Do not apply directly on surfaces previously finished with gypsum plaster, lime wash or alkyd paints.

## **COVERAGE**

- The texture and suction of the surface to be decorated will affect the coverage.
- A flat relatively smooth surface will require approximately 0.5kg per m<sup>2</sup> per coat.
- A heavy rough surface will require approximately 1kg per m<sup>2</sup> per coat.
- NOTE: Estimates do not take into account wastage and will vary according to type of surface involved.

## **STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE**

- When stored unopened in a dry place at temperatures above 5°C shelf life is 12 months from date of manufacture.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Harmful by inhalation and irritating to eyes and skin. Keep out of reach of children. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water.