

# INSTALLATION GUIDE

## OVERSKIMMING

Breathaplasta Universal is ideal as a healthy skim finish for overcoating existing plaster surfaces. Universal is a fast-setting, multi-purpose, hemp-lime plaster designed for rapid build-up onto a wide range of backgrounds.

### Important notes for overcoating existing plaster:

- Ensure the existing plaster surface is in reasonable condition, is well consolidated and is not crumbling or coming away from the background. Any loose plaster should be removed, and the surface should be in sound condition before overcoating.
- If the existing plaster surface is smooth, consider applying a coat of breathable plaster primer to add a key and provide grip for the new plaster.
- Mist or brush the existing plaster surface with water to help control suction as needed.



**Apply**  
Primer

Primer may be required when plastering over smooth surfaces to add a key.



**Mix**  
Water required

Add 1 x 18kg bag of Breathaplasta to approx. 8 litres of clean water.



**Mix**  
Time

Mix the plaster using a paddle mix for at least 2 mins. Leave the mix to stand for 2 mins, then mix again for 1 min.



**Apply**  
Two coats

Apply at least 2 coats of Universal. Each coat should be approx. 2mm thick.



**Set**  
Setting time

Setting time per coat of Universal is approx. 45-60 minutes.



**Finish**  
Use clean trowel

Run a clean trowel over the surface of the plaster for a smooth finish. Use a sponge float for more textured finishes.

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### Equipment Required:

Breathaplasta Universal, clean water and brush or mister, hawk, trowel and plastering tools.

### Surface preparation:

Ensure the existing plaster is in good condition, is well consolidated and not crumbling from the background. No treatment or priming is required before applying plaster to textured surfaces. Smooth surfaces require a gritted primer to be used first to add a key.

### Recommended plaster thickness:

Approx. 4mm total thickness

### Recommended plaster application:

1. Base coat of Universal 2mm.
2. Top coat of Universal 2mm.
3. For a smooth finish, moisten the surface of the plaster with a fine mist spray bottle to help polish the surface with a trowel. For more textured finishes, lightly apply a damp sponge.

### Coverage per 18kg Universal bag:

5m<sup>2</sup> at 4mm thickness

### Setting time per coat:

45 - 60 minutes