

APPLICATION GUIDE

# CREATE A TUSCAN FINISH

SAND BASED PAINT





## TUSCAN FINISH - SAND BASED PAINT

Create a Tuscan style finish on your ModularWall using the simple techniques outlined in this guide.

### NOTE

It is recommended that the reader pays particular attention to items identified as a NOTE in this manual to ensure a satisfactory installation and that the long term performance of the products.

For correct finishing of your ModularWalls product, you must paint or seal the panels within 30 days of installation.




## BEFORE YOU START

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The recommendations detailed by ModularWalls in this guide are formulated along the lines of good building practice. They form a "common-sense" approach and are not intended to be an exhaustive statement of all the relevant data. Further, as the success of projects depend on factors outside the control of ModularWalls (e.g. quality of workmanship, particular design, detail requirements, etc.), we accept no responsibility for, or in connection with, the quality of the projects or their suitability when completed.

If you are in any doubt please seek independent advice or contact ModularWalls. We are always happy and available to answer questions regarding installation procedures, no matter how small or insignificant you think they may be. 7 day technical and installation advice is available on 1300 556 957.



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# HOW TO ACHIEVE A PAINT ON TUSCAN STYLE FINISH

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As this is generally the first time most people have applied this type of finish it is highly recommended that you follow the procedure below exactly on a small test panel first before applying to your finished wall.

**NOTE:** Never apply in direct sunlight.

## PRODUCTS:

**Base Coat:** We use and recommend 'Dulux Acra Sand'. Acra Sand is available from Dulux trade or 3D stores only. Only a single base coat is required if overcoated with Dulux Weathershield (see top coat step below). If a different brand of sand finish is selected (than specified above) please ensure that it is self'priming onto fibre cement / masonry surfaces. If it isn't then a base primer such as Dulux Acraprime will also be required.

**NOTE:** This base Acra Sand coat can (in most cases) be tinted to the colour of your final top coat at the time of purchase.

**Top Coat:** We use and recommend Dulux Weather Shield or similar premium brand exterior grade paint.

## SURFACE PREPARATION - POSTS, TRIMS & POST TOPS:

The metal surfaces to be painted must be clean, dry and free of contaminants. Lightly scuff/rub down all metal and primed components with a 'Scotch Brite' pad prior to the application of paint. Scotch Brite pads are available from most paint stores.

## SURFACE PREPARATION - PANELS:

Prepare the surface by ensuring that the fibre cement panels are clean, dry and free of contaminants. This can be achieved by means of a brush down with a stiff brush or rubbing very lightly with a 'Scotch Brite' pad.



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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Apply one coat of Dulux Acra sand to both the prepared panel surface with a 50-100mm brush in a very random criss-cross pattern. The more random & erratic the better! At this stage don't worry about patches that may look thicker or bare in comparison to the surrounding areas. This will be evened out when the top paint finish is applied. Be cautious to avoid 'lumps' or 'runs' in the sand texture and try to maintain a 'wet edge' to the paint.
2. Once you have applied the texture don't go back over it as it is starting to dry. This will only serve to 'fluff up' the semi dried texture finish. If you feel an area needs re-applying wait until the sand texture is completely dry.
3. If your wall contains a joint, paint Acra Sand over the joint as normal. The joint will not completely disappear, but leave a faint line once completed as shown below.
4. Once the base coat of Acra Sand has dried, apply the topcoat of Dulux Weather Shield exterior paint (or similar) in the colour of your choice. See Exterior Paint Application Guide as to our recommendations on applying this top coat. Long nap rough surface roller will be required.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR DULUX WEATHERSHIELD:

Two coats of paint are required. We recommend applying the first coat with a roller. Cut in the sections that the roller missed with a brush prior to applying the second coat. Let the first 'cutting in' dry and apply a second 'cutting in' coat prior to the second and final roller coat.

On a large job spray application may be justified. Please see the paint manufacturer for advice on spray application.



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