<u>Introduction To MONO-STONE (XL) – Single Component Base Coat For Walls</u>

What is MONO-STONE (XL)? – MONO-STONE (XL) is a new, single component base coat for walls. It should be used as an alternative to MICRO-BASE XT where ultimate strength is not required.

What are the benefits of MONO-STONE (XL)? – The main benefit is the ease of application. It applies very nicely and covers mesh much easier than our other base coats. Another bonus is that it can be forced dried using a fan or blower. As soon as it its touch try it can be over coated.

Is MONO-STONE (XL) compatible with FORPRIME-EPWB? – No, categorically not. It reacts with EPWB and forms micro crazing on the surface. If using MONO-STONE (XL) you must use MONO-PRIME as the primer.

Can I tint MONO-STONE (XL)? – Yes, it can be tinted using powder pigments and liquid pigments. Bespoke colours are also available with our tinting machine.

Can MONO-STONE (XL) be used on Worktops? – As a single coat, applied underneath a layer of XT, yes. However, the go to spec for worktops should always be 2x MICRO-BASE (XT) due to the additional strength it gives.

Do I have to sand MONO-STONE (XL) between layers? – No. Especially if applying or smoothing off with a spatula (apply with a trowel, then drop back after 5-10 minutes and smooth off very gently with a French knife or spatula to remove the chatter lines).

How do I sand MONO-STONE (XL)? – Once cured fully (overnight) 50g diamond pads work well. 100g diamonds also work depending on how much sanding is required. A point worth noting is that if you sand it to early, you will notice large sections being eaten away as it is still too soft. A gentle hand sand is sufficient if sanding the same day (one touch dry). I have found that if applied neatly, with the trowel and spat technique, minimal sanding if any is needed until after the first top coat.

Has MONO-STONE (XL) replaced MICRO-BASE XT? – No, it is a different product, used mostly on walls areas, where speed and convenience are required instead of strength.

Please see the recommended MONO-STONE (XL) specification below:

MONO-PRIME x1 0.07kg m2

MONO-STONE XL INTO MESH 1.2kg m2

MONO-STONE XL 0.7kg m2

MICRO-QUARTZ x2 0.8kg m2

FORSHIELD-2KWB x2 0.14kg m2