

# Red Top® Finish Plaster



## For finishing conventional and veneer plaster interior surfaces

- Factory-prepared for trouble-free mixing
- Excellent smoothness and troweling characteristics
- Consistent lime/gauging ratio

## Description

RED TOP® Brand Finish Plaster is a mill-mixed, gauging plaster/lime finish that requires only the addition of water. It has stabilized set and excellent troweling characteristics. The formulation is designed for use over conventional sanded gypsum basecoats and over IMPERIAL® Brand and DIAMOND® Brand veneer basecoats. It is not to be used over lightweight aggregate gypsum basecoats.

<b>Directions</b>	<b>Preparation</b>	Make sure basecoat is properly prepared, clean and rough and open for the finish. To avoid blistering, apply to set and partially dry (damp) basecoat. If basecoat has dried, mist the surface with water to dampen before applying finish.
	<b>Mixing</b>	RED TOP Finish Plaster a pre-mixed finish coat product that requires only the addition of water. Use a 16 gal. or 30 gal. (60.6 or 113.6 L) smooth-sided container and a cage-type mixer paddle driven by a 1/2" electric drill with a no-load rating of 900-1,000 rpm to produce the rapid, high-shear action required to properly disperse ingredients. Mix only as much as will be applied in one hour. Water must be clean, fresh, suitable for domestic consumption and free of minerals and organic substances that can affect set. Add plaster to water in the proportions described on the package, mixing as powder is added. If a faster or slower set time is desired, follow recommendations for use of accelerators and retarders in USG literature PM6 and PM7.
	<b>Application</b>	Trowel to basecoat. Scratch in thoroughly, then immediately double-back to a thickness of not more than 1/16". Final-trowel to a smooth, dense surface ready for decoration.
	<b>Cleanup and Storage</b>	Clean mixing tools and containers immediately with water after use and before material has set. Any material remaining in containers and on tools will become extremely difficult to remove and may alter the setting time and performance of subsequent batches.

## Product Data

**Coverage:** RED TOP Finish Plaster covers 3,500 ft.<sup>2</sup>/ton (358 m<sup>2</sup>/t[metric]) of mixed product.

**Storage:** Store material inside, in a dry location and away from heavy-traffic areas. Stack bags on planks or platforms away from damp floors and walls.

**Shelf Life:** 6 months under good storage conditions. To assure consistent performance, rotate stock so as to use oldest first and keep stock consistently fresh.

**Availability and Cost:** RED TOP Plaster Finish—Regular Set and Quick Set—is distributed throughout the United States.

**Packaging:** Packed in 50 lb. bags.

**Submittal Approvals:**

<b>Job Name</b>		
<b>Contractor</b>		<b>Date</b>

**WARNING!**

When mixed with water, this material hardens and becomes very hot - sometimes quickly. DO NOT attempt to make a cast enclosing any part of the body using this material. Failure to follow these instructions can cause severe burns that may require surgical removal of affected tissue or amputation of limb. Dust may cause irritation to eyes, skin, nose, throat and upper respiratory tract. Avoid irritation by reducing exposure to dust.

Use in a well-ventilated area or provide sufficient local ventilation. Do not ingest. If dusty, wear a NIOSH/MSHA-approved dust respirator. Wear eye protection. If eye contact occurs, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If irritation persists, call physician. Wash with soap and water after use. If ingested, call physician. Product information and MSDS: (800) 507-8899 or [www.usg.com](http://www.usg.com).

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