

Product Data Sheet

# deSTYLE North: Travertino Powder

#### **Product Name**

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#### **Product Description**

deSTYLE North: Travertino Powder is an innovative and prestigious decorative plaster shipped in powder form, crafted for both interior and exterior applications.

#### **Composition & Appearance**

deSTYLE North: Travertino Powder is a finely ground, consistently smooth plaster with an organic white color. This exquisite powder blend, composed of select white limestone powders and high-quality hydraulic binders, is designed to create a luxurious travertine stone effect. The product's versatility allows for a range of personalized color shades.

#### **Suitable Applications**

deSTYLE North: Travertino Powder is a natural, high-quality plaster ideal for creating luxurious finishes for walls, ceilings, and other architectural surfaces in both residential and commercial settings, including humid areas. This plaster is suitable for exteriors where it ages gracefully, acquiring a unique patina that adds character and depth to the surface.

### Limitations

Not suitable for foot traffic. Do not apply to surfaces with exposure to rain or extreme temperature within 24 hours following application. Not suitable for use in areas where it will be in constant contact with water. For exterior use, we recommend only light colours.

#### **Test Before Use**

Due to the diverse range of substrates, techniques, application methods, and environmental conditions, we strongly recommend conducting a preliminary test of the plaster. This test should be performed in an inconspicuous area to assess adhesion and compatibility with the specific conditions of your project. Such a test ensures the product's performance and suitability before commencing full-scale application, helping to avoid potential issues, and ensuring optimal results.

# **Packaging and Storage Instructions**

The powder is sealed in heavy-weight plastic bags to safeguard against moisture and ensure product quality. The bags are housed in recyclable, double-walled corrugated boxes designed for ease of storage and ecological sustainability.

Store the product in a dry, well-ventilated area at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Keep the boxes off the floor on pallets or shelving to prevent moisture damage. Avoid direct sunlight and extreme weather. Proper storage ensures product quality and efficacy.

### **Environmental Considerations**

**Sustainability**: The plaster is composed of natural, ecologically sourced materials with a circular lifecycle, aligning with our commitment to environmental responsibility.

**Low VOC Content:** With a VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) content of 0g/l, our product limits indoor air pollution and meets stringent environmental standards for air quality.

**Waste Management**: Excess powder and residue should be disposed of in accordance with local regulations. Avoid disposing of material in waterways or sewage systems.

**Recyclable Packaging**: The recyclable corrugated packaging and plastic bags should be recycled where facilities exist, reducing the product's overall environmental footprint.

#### **Technical Chart**

Specification	<u>Value</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Composition	Lime and hydraulic binders, selected marble powders, additives (<4%)	A blend for travertine effect
Aspect	Powder	Natural white color
Dilution	In water, 37.5% by weight	Adjust for preferred consistency
Coverage	Approx. 1.2 - 1.6 m <sup>2</sup> /kg	Depending on surface and application method
рН	13 in water solution	High pH when mixed with water
Vapour Permeability	SD - 0.05 m (DIN 52615)	Allows walls to breathe
Water Absorption	w - 0.4 kg/(m <sup>2</sup> ·h^0.5) (EN 1062-3:2001)	Resistant to moisture uptake
VOC Class	VOC 0g/l	Wall paint and subcategory "L" max. value UE2010 30g/l
Packaging	18 kg box	Ensures product integrity
Storage	Keep in dry place, 5° - 30°C max.	Protect from extreme temperatures
Application Notice	Protect from rain for the first 24 - 48 hours after application	Important for curing process

# **Surface Preparation Guide**

**Basic Surface Preparation:** Ensure the application surface is clean, dry, and free from any loose particles, dust, grease, or oil. Repair any irregularities with a suitable plaster. Suitable substrates include drywall, MDF panels (5/8" or thicker), cement panels, or other similar substrates permissible by local building codes.

**Leveling and Squaring:** The surface must be level, and corners squared. Failure to meet these requirements may lead to a poor final appearance and reduced lifespan of the finish.

**Framing Behind Seams:** Ensure framing is in place behind all seams to prevent movement cracks, which can occur due to temperature and humidity changes, causing the substrate to expand and contract. Without framing, the plaster is prone to cracking or separating from the surface.

**Corner Treatment:** Properly squared corners are crucial for even application. Unsquared corners may result in a finish with rounded or skewed corners, diminishing the overall aesthetic.

**Prime & Seal:** New drywall must be sealed with a new drywall primer/sealer. MDF must be primed with an appropriate primer. Surface repairs must be primed after final sanding.

### **Required Tools**

To ensure a smooth and efficient application process of the plaster, having the right tools on hand is essential. Below is a list of required tools:

**Mixing Bucket:** A clean, appropriately sized bucket is needed for mixing the plaster with water. Ensure the bucket is large enough to mix a full batch without spilling.

**Mixing Drill and Paddle**: A high-quality mixing drill fitted with a suitable mixing paddle is essential for achieving a consistent, lump-free mixture of the plaster.

**Stainless Steel Trowel:** Used for applying the plaster to the surface in an even layer. A stainless-steel trowel is recommended for its durability and ease of cleaning.

**Decorating Tools**: Specialized tools for texturing and adding decorative effects to the plaster finish.

Fibreglass Mesh (for exterior applications): Necessary for embedding in the base plaster to provide additional strength and prevent cracking.

Clean, Lint-Free Cloth or Sealant Applicator (if sealing): For applying and buffing the sealant, such as natural beeswax, to enhance water resistance. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

**Safety Goggles:** To protect eyes from splashes during mixing and application. **Dust Mask:** Essential when mixing the powder to avoid inhalation of fine particles.

**Gloves:** To protect hands from the alkalinity of the plaster and any skin irritation.

Having these tools ready and at hand will facilitate a professional and efficient application of the plaster, ensuring the best possible outcome for your project.

#### **Application Guide**

**Primer Application**: Apply deSTYLE MicroPrimer to the prepared substrate to enhance the adhesion of the plaster.

(For Exterior Applications Only): Before continuing with the plaster in exterior applications only, follow these additional steps after primer application:

- Base Coat: Apply a layer of deSTYLE Base Plaster evenly across the substrate using a stainless-steel trowel. This base plaster is designed to provide a robust foundation.
- Embedding Fibreglass Mesh: Once the first coat of deSTYLE Base
   Plaster is applied but still wet, use trowel to embed a fibreglass
   mesh or similar product into the plaster. This step adds tensile
   strength and helps prevent cracking, ensuring a more resilient
   exterior finish.
- Second Coat: Apply a second layer of deSTYLE Base Plaster over the embedded fibreglass mesh. Ensure this layer is smooth and even, as it will form the base for the finishing plaster.
- Select Colours Only: For exterior use, we recommend only light
  colours. Darker and vibrant pigments may not weather uniformly,
  potentially leading to unsatisfactory aging and discoloration.
  Lighter shades maintain their appearance more consistently over
  time, ensuring a naturally elegant aging process for exterior
  surfaces.

*Mixing Plaster*: Gradually add powder to water as per specified dilution rate until a smooth, lump-free mixture is obtained with the consistency you require. Allow the mix to rest for a few minutes before use. Only mix as much plaster as you can apply in a single session.

*Plaster Application*: With a stainless-steel trowel, apply an even layer of the mixture to the prepared surface. The thickness should be consistent with the

desired texture and effect. We recommend a minimum of two (2) layers; a base layer, and a finish layer.

**Texturing:** Once the finish layer is applied, use the trowel or specialized decorating tools to create the desired effect.

**Smoothing**: As the product dries, smooth the surface with a clean trowel to even out any rough areas and create a uniform texture to your preference.

**Drying Time:** Allow approximately 24 hours in between coats and before sealing. The drying time may vary based on the thickness of the application, humidity, ambient temperature, and airflow. Protect the applied product from rain and excessive moisture for the first 24 to 48 hours to ensure proper drying.

*Final Touches*: If desired, apply decorative washes to enhance the texture and color nuances of the travertine effect.

**Sealing**: To enhance the stain and water resistance of the plaster, it is recommended to apply *deSTYLE Beeswax Sealer* after the plaster has fully dried

Carbonation: Carbonation, the process by which the plaster absorbs ambient carbon dioxide, occurs gradually and can take several months to complete depending on environmental conditions such as temperature and humidity. Cleanup & Maintenance: Clean tools and any spatter immediately with warm water. Once sealed and cured, the surface can be gently cleaned with a damp cloth.

#### **Safety Precautions**

\*\*\*For full details on safety precautions, please see our Safety Data Sheet\*\*\*

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): When handling deSTYLE products,
wear appropriate PPE, including gloves, dust masks, and safety goggles to
prevent skin contact, inhalation, and eye irritation.

**Ventilation**: Ensure adequate ventilation in the workspace to minimize inhalation of dust during mixing and application.

*First Aid:* In case of skin contact, wash the area with soap and water. If the product contacts the eyes, rinse thoroughly with water, and seek medical attention if irritation persists. For inhalation, move to an area with fresh air and seek medical help if breathing difficulty occurs.

**Storage Safety:** Store the product in a secure area away from children and pets to prevent accidental ingestion or contact.

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