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## FRANCO 'VITRINO'

### Highly Polished Plaster

Franco 'Vitrino' is a thin coat plaster, designed to achieve various finishes, from highly polished to a pitted or stratus patterning. Formulations are based on traditional blends which have been adapted using the latest methods of material science, making this type of plaster easier to use. It is a gypsum-based stucco made from a selection of refined limestone and marble aggregates from the U.K and Europe.

'Vitrino' is supplied as a pre-mixed, dry powder.

Detailing, design and installation meet the general requirements of BS 5492 and BS 8000 Codes of Practice for internal plaster and workmanship.

#### GENERAL

Franco 'Vitrino', which is hand applied, has good impact resistance and is very durable. The raw materials are factory blended to give consistency in batching and allowing the product to be more cost effective. Colour-washing adds depth to the tone and waxing completes the polished finish. By using different colours, together with masking techniques, a banding effect can be formed.

Alternatively, fine course lines can be made to reproduce a stone layout.

Marmorino is a generic name given to Italian plaster recipes.

#### Suitable surfaces:

Franco 'Vitrino' is typically applied to a standard gypsum finishing plaster but is ideally applied to a Franco base coat, plus mesh cloth, followed by a Franco primer. However, in high humidity areas, 'Vitrino' should be applied to cement based renders. For a stud-partition construction, use a calcium silicate board as a substrate. Once the primer has been allowed to dry, it is followed by several tight coats of 'Vitrino', no greater than 2mm thickness. Specially trained operatives from Franco Installations Ltd only should apply this unique finish.

#### DESCRIPTION

Franco 'Vitrino' contains a combination of lime putty, refined limestones, marble and powder additive to give durability, workability and strength. Typical finished thickness is 5mm including base coat and primer.

#### Appearance:

Polished and layered finishes with great depth. Highly polished, yet still showing some speckling of aggregate with a glassy feel. A classic polished limestone look.

#### Fire Resistance:

Franco 'Vitrino' is non-combustible and would be expected to meet a class 'O' fire rating when applied to non-combustible substrates.

#### Water Resistance:

Franco 'Vitrino' is highly water-resistant when used in conjunction with silicone sealers. It can be used where high humidity or splashes occur and in shower areas or wet rooms.

#### Storage:

This product should be stored clear of the ground, well sheeted, preferably under cover and stacked not more than two pallets high.

The materials should be used on a first in, first out principle. The shelf life is equivalent to that of gypsum products stored under similar conditions.

#### SITWORK

**Preparation, Mixing and Application:**  
Individual specification required.

#### Coverage:

Only applied by Franco Installations Ltd.

#### Price:

The current application price per metre should be ascertained from:

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