

Applying Parex Smooth Finish Wood Grain Texture Technical Bulletin

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Parex USA's Smooth textured finishes can be installed to create a wood grained look. However, there are precautions that need to be taken when performing these textures.

- High temperatures can cause finish surface to dry out too quickly resulting in shrinkage cracks
- Unprimed basecoats can draw the moisture out of the finish causing it to dry too quickly and at an uneven rate.
- High humidity will lengthen curing time, and if a second texture coat is over a first coat that isn't fully cured, the total application may be too thick.

Application

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Periodically, as the work progresses, evaluate it from a distance to ensure the desired effect is being produced across the entire surface.

Temperature:

When installing finish in the summer, working early during the cooler temperatures, following the shade around the building and out of direct sunlight and wind is always recommended. It is also imperative to store the products in a cool, or even an air conditioned area. When mixing is required use cool water, let warm water run out of hose before using water to mix. Aesthetic issues can occur in finishes of all types due to different rates of drying occurring between areas in shade versus those in the sun. For example, scaffolding will create shadow lines where the finish dries more slowly than adjacent areas. To help prevent this from occurring, the exterior should be tarped to limit the uneven sun exposure and different drying rates which can result in different colors. Finally, always take into account that working times of finish decreases in hot weather and sufficient manpower should be utilized to prevent cold joints in the finish.

Thickness and Texturing

To Create the “wood Panels” over a Parex USA CI Assembly.

- Follow application instruction for the CI system, water resistive barrier and insulation board installation.
- Lay out straight lines as desired and using a cordless hot groover, cut out weaving along the line.
- With a rasp, manually bevel the edges to create a natural look.
- Deeper gash marks can be made in this manner also and knot holes in the log created by cutting into the EPS with a knife.
- To create the horizontal wood grain, using the rasp, dig deeper than the desired look as the CI system base coat and mesh will fill in 1/16” of the grooves.
- Install CI System basecoat and mesh per the EIFS application guide
- First coat: Trowel a tight smooth first coat
- Second coat: Using a stiff paint brush, apply the second coat of Sand Smooth, this will help some of the wood grain stand out.
- After a 2 days of drying, apply a stain per mock up approval using a medium stiff paint brush from top to bottom log by log.
- A Sealer may be applied if required after all stains are dry.



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