

# **TOTAL WALL**

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## **CHANGING THE TEXTURE ON AN EXISTING EIFS**

A minor change in texture can sometimes be made with a simple application of an acrylic coating. The coating may be a textured elastomeric (T-WALL LASTIC) or it may be a synthetic Finish Material. The governing factors are:

1. What texture are we going over? and
2. What texture are we trying to produce?

For example, a textured elastomeric can be used over a fine sand texture to either increase texture, decrease texture, or even out irregular texture. But an elastomeric coating cannot produce a Swirl or Bark texture. Another example is changing a Swirl texture to a Freestyle texture. Simply apply the Freestyle finish directly over a Swirl starting with a skim coat, just as you would over Base Coat. The rule is that the existing texture must not prevent you from getting the new texture that you want.

What if the existing texture does prevent you from getting the texture you want? For example, if you have a rough sprayed existing texture you now want a Swirl texture over it. What do you do? Applying Swirl finish directly over such a rough surface won't work. Why? The existing texture will prevent the Swirl aggregate from rolling during floating and the texture will not properly develop. What do you do? It is common practice in the EIFS industry to skim out an existing wall with Soft Coat Base Coat (non-reinforced) and then apply the desired finish (in this example, Swirl) over the Base Coat once it has cured for 12-18 hours.

How will this affect any Warranty?

It won't affect your Warranty. Simply notify TOTAL WALL with what you intend to do regarding your texture change and applying an additional layer or layers to the existing lamina. We will help advise you on your texture change to help you get the results you desire. Then we will approve your re-coat of the lamina.

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