

Surface Preparation

Surfaces must be clean, solid and dry. Remove all dust, dirt, oil, soot, wax, mildew, loose paint and other surface contamination.

- ▶ Bare surfaces: Sand the grout surface and regularly remove the residue.
 - *Avoid sanding the bare gypsum.
- ▶ Painted surfaces: Clean with an appropriate cleaner for removing the contaminant.
- ▶ Eliminate stains caused by mildew with a solution of household bleach (1 part household bleach to 3 parts of water). Wear rubber gloves and eye protection.
- ▶ Rinse thoroughly with clear water and let dry completely.
- ▶ Remove any dirt or contaminant.
- Concrete and masonry: Must be at least 28 days old, completely dry and free of any efflorescence salts.
- ▶ Strip, scrape or remove all loose and peeling paint, and sand to smooth edges.
- ▶ Sand rough areas and dull glossy surfaces. Eliminate sanding residues. Touch up bare spots.
- ▶ Repair holes and cracks with joint compound suitable for the surface to be repaired.
- ▶ If wood exudes resin, scrape the excess and clean with alcohol or paint thinner. Sand for a smooth finish. Eliminate sanding residues. Seal knots and sap streaks with shellac before applying the primer.

For optimal results, especially on tough stains, it is recommended to apply a base coat. Before its application, cover or mask surfaces that are not to be painted.

PRECAUTION: Dry sanding will give rise to dust and/or hazardous fumes. Wear suitable respiratory protective equipment. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Follow these instructions to control exposure to hazardous substances that may be released during surface preparation. **WARNING!** If you scrape, sand, or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST OR FUMES CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE. Wear a properly fitted NIOSH-approved respirator and prevent skin contact to control lead exposure. Contact a regional Health Canada office for more information.

Before use, cover or mask surfaces that are not to be painted, be sure to read and follow the instructions and warnings on the label and Safety Data Sheet.

Contact your local representative for any additional surface preparation guidelines.

Systems recommendation according to surfaces

Gypsum board, dry joint cement or stucco:

- No specific primer is required; this product can be used as a primer. For optimal results, especially on tough stains or on very porous or absorptive repairs, it is recommended to apply a base coat *Sico Ecosource* 850-130, *Sico Expert* 870-130, 870-177 or 870-799;
- 2 coats: *Sico Expert* 872-125.

Concrete and masonry:

- Rough surfaces: *Sico Expert* block filler 675-115;
- Smooth surfaces: no primer required;
- 2 coats: *Sico Expert* 872-125.

New or bare wood:

- Bare wood (except rich in tannins wood, such as cedar or redwood): *Sico Ecosource* 850-130, *Sico Expert* 870-177 or 890-114; some wood species, prone to staining, may require two coats. Let dry each coat for 12 to 16 hours.
- Bare wood (all): *Sico Expert* primer 880-124;
- 2 coats: *Sico Expert* 872-125.

Ferrous metal and rusted galvanized metal:

- 1 coat: *Sico Expert* 922-060;
- 2 coats: *Sico Expert* 872-125.

Non-rusted galvanized metal, aluminum or copper:

- 1 coat: *Corrostop Ultra* 635-045;
- 2 coats: *Sico Expert* 872-125.

Previously painted surfaces in good condition:

- Previously painted surfaces in good condition (latex): No primer is required.
- Previously painted surfaces in good condition (alkyd): *Sico Expert* primer 890-114 or 870-177.
- *Sico Expert* 872-125, one or two coats as required.

Recommendations

Application Conditions

Temperature: 10 to 30°C (50 to 86°F)
(ideal 20°C ± 5°C [68°F ± 9°F])

Relative humidity: Ideal between 15 and 55%, maximum 85%.

Maintain these conditions during the application and the following 24 hours. Low temperature, high humidity, thick films or poor ventilation extend drying time.

Tools

- Paintbrush: Synthetic bristles (nylon, polyester).
- Roller:
 - Walls: 10 mm (3/8 in.);
 - Ceilings: 13 mm (1/2 in.).
- *Spray (airless equipment)
 - Tip size: 0.015 to 0.021 in.;
 - Pressure: 1500 to 2000 psi.

Always use top quality application tools.

*Spray recommendations may vary from figures listed depending on equipment manufacturer.

Cleaning Tools

Remove as much product quantity as possible and clean tools with lukewarm soapy water immediately after use.

Storage and Transportation

Keep in a dry and ventilated area, between 10 and 30°C (50 and 86°F). Under such conditions, unopened containers may be stored up to 5 years from manufacturing date.

PROTECT FROM FREEZING.

Disposal

Consult your municipality in order to dispose of paint residues according to environmental regulations. Do not pour down a drain or storm sewer.

Application

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Do not thin. Stir thoroughly before application. Pour the quantity of paint needed into another container to avoid contaminating the original paint container. Keep containers closed when not in use.

Apply the product by complying with its spreading rate, leaving no bare spots or excessively coated areas.

Provide adequate ventilation. Observe drying time between coats. Low temperatures or high humidity will affect drying time. Applying two coats will provide better durability and appearance.

For more information, visit the website at www.sico.ca or call our customer service: 1-800-463-7426.

Safety Measures

Store locked up. Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood warnings on the label and Safety Data Sheet (SDS). For workplace use, an SDS are available from your retailer, through our website or by calling 1-800-463-7426. Keep out of the reach of children. Use only in well-ventilated area. Keep containers tightly closed and sealed until ready for use. Wear personal protective equipment as required; gloves and eye or face protection. Avoid contact with skin and clothing. Avoid breathing spray or mists. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Wash thoroughly after handling.

Warning: Suspected of causing cancer. Emits toxic fumes when heated. *Photosensitive agents:* In case of accidental eye contact, avoid concurrent exposure to the sun or other sources of UV light which may increase the sensitivity of the eyes. In case of accidental skin contact, avoid concurrent exposure to the sun or other sources of UV light which may increase the sensitivity of skin.

First aid treatment: If you feel unwell or in case of proven or suspected overexposure: Consult a physician.

Emergency spill information: 1-514-645-1320 or 1-800-463-7426.

Surface Maintenance

- Wait for its full curing before washing the product or testing its adhesion: minimum 14 days depending on temperature and relative humidity (longer in conditions of high humidity or low temperature). Use a non-abrasive cleaner and a soft cloth. The use of a cleanser or a technique that is too abrasive affects the appearance of the surface.
- If required, touch up bare areas with primer and apply another coat on the whole surface.

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