

ROCKGRIP GENERAL PURPOSE UNDERCOAT

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

A general purpose solvent based interior or exterior undercoat

PRODUCT USES

- An undercoat for decorative paints.
- May be used on correctly prepared and primed surfaces in the construction industry.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- A general purpose undercoat for use under decorative topcoats for interior and exterior use.
- Excellent adhesion on all properly primed or sealed surfaces.
- Provides a smooth base with excellent sanding properties.
- Easy brushing and good levelling properties.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Appearance	Matt
Colour	White
Binder Type	Alkyd
Density at 23°C	Approx. 1.44
Solids Content	By weight: Approx. 76% By volume: Approx. 55%
Packaged Viscosity	Viscosity at 23°C: Approx. 70 KU
Spreading Rate	Approx. 8m ² per litre depending on surface porosity, profile and application method.
Recommended DFT per coat	Min. 50µm. Max.70µm
Recommended WFT per coat	Min. 90µm. Max.120µm
Flash Point	37°C

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Mixing	Stir until homogeneous with a flat paddle.
Application Surface conditions	Surface Temperature between 10 - 35°C. Relative Humidity between 10 - 85 % OR 2°C above dew point minimum.
Application methods	Brush, roller or spray application.
Thinner	Thinning not recommended. Ready for use after thorough stirring for brush or roller applications. Mineral Turpentine if required for spraying to maximum of 5 - 10% of product volume.
Drying Time	Touch dry 4 hours at 23°C.
Recoating Time	18 hours at 23°C (drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions).
Cleaning of equipment	After use, remove as much product as possible, and then clean immediately with Dulux Pre-Paint Brush Cleaner/ Degreaser or Mineral Turpentine.
Substrates	Suitable for correctly prepared and primed cement plaster, gypsum plaster, concrete, fibre cement, PVC, galvanised iron, ferrous and wooden surfaces.
Precautions:	Do not apply during cold (below 10°C) or wet weather. Not suitable as a primer. Not suitable for direct application to powdery or friable surfaces whether previously painted or not. Not designed to withstand natural weathering. It should be recoated in 2 to 3 days. If left uncoated for extended periods, sanding will be required before application of the topcoat. Not to be used as part of paint systems for roofs.
Coats required	1 coat but may require a 2 nd coat depending on the application.
Top Coating	After application, the dry, hard film should be lightly sanded to give a smooth finish before over-coating with two coats finishing paint. Can be over-coated with most Rockgrip decorative finishes.

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SURFACE PREPARATION

Plaster sand should comply with SABS 1090 requirements. Plaster mix must be applied at a minimum thickness of 10mm, curing to a hard and sound finish, free of soft and friable material. MPA strength must comply with SABS 0164-1 (10MPa=2, 6:1 and 5MPa=4:1).

Ensure that surfaces are sound and free from dust, oil, grease, dirt, and debris. Surfaces must be thoroughly dry - no more than 12% moisture content measured with a Protimeter in (%WME) mode.

Once **Rockgrip General Purpose Undercoat** been applied to the respective prepared and primed substrate and dried out the hard film should be lightly sanded to produce a smooth finish. Remove sanding dust before over coating with supporting **Rockgrip** decorative finish.

NEW SURFACES

Cement Plaster (non-friable), Composite Boarding and Fibre Cement

- Fresh cement plaster should be allowed one week drying for every 5mm thickness; and longer in cold or damp weather.
- Spot-prime metal strips and nail heads with **Rockgrip Steel Primer** or **Dulux Rustshield**.
- Prime with one coat of **Rockgrip Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Water Based Plaster Primer**.

Gypsum Plaster - Interior

- Newly applied Gypsum Plaster can present variable surface finishes based on the application method, the quality and type of gypsum plaster used. This can present variability in the finish of the applied gypsum in terms of surface hardness, texture and porosity. This may require added attention during priming.
- Ensure the gypsum plaster is sound, non-friable, applied and cured as per the manufacturer's specifications.
- After wiping down the gypsum plaster, no chalky powder should remain on the surface.
- If the gypsum is sound, apply a single coat **Rockgrip Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Water Based Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Bonding Liquid**.
- As gypsum plaster is a very porous surface, adsorption of the applied plaster primer or bonding liquid may occur. To test for this, wipe a black cloth over the dried applied **Rockgrip Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Water Based Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Bonding Liquid** to test its integrity. If a white residue is found on the back of the cloth, apply 1 to 2 further coats of the respective **Rockgrip Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Water Based Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Bonding Liquid** applied, to achieve the correct binding and sealing properties.

Concrete

- Remove any uncured cement, grease, and mould-release agents by high-pressure water blast, or wash with a strong solution of **Dulux Sugar Soap**.
- Rinse off thoroughly with clean water.

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NEW SURFACES

Concrete – Continued

- Prime with one coat **Rockgrip Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Water Based Plaster Primer**.

Galvanised Iron (new, non-roof sheeting surfaces) and Aluminium

- Remove all traces of temporary protective coating, dirt and grease from the surface with **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner**. Ensure complete removal of **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner** by rinsing with running water. A water-break free surface indicates thorough cleaning - running water should not form droplets. If a water-break free surface was not achieved, repeat the cleaning process.
- Prime immediately after cleaning with one coat **Rockgrip LC Etch Primer** or two coats **Dulux Rustshield**.

Galvanised Iron (unpainted, weathered non-roof sheeting surfaces)

- Remove all loose rust and white scale by means of wire brushing, sanding, chipping, or mechanical scouring - down to bright metal. To remove dirt, salts and zinc corrosion (white rust) clean thoroughly with **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner** achieving a water-break free surface. Areas showing red rust must be removed back to bright galvanised iron
- Prime immediately after preparation with one coat **Rockgrip LC Etch Primer**. Two coats primer recommended for coastal conditions or with two coats **Dulux Rustshield**

Mild Steel and Iron

- Inspect shop-primer thoroughly for damage by installation. Abrade new surfaces lightly and remove rust, mill scale by sanding, scraping or with steel wire brushes back to sound mild steel and iron or sandblast to SA 2½. Ensure that the sanded areas are dry and free of grease and dust. A solvent wash (rags dipped in lacquer thinner) may be used. Change the rags frequently. Allow drying, OR clean with **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner** according to technical data sheet.
- Prime with one or two coats **Rockgrip Steel Primer**, depending on the severity of the condition. Two coats recommended for coastal conditions or with two coats **Dulux Rustshield**

Wooden Surfaces

- Timber treated with borer- or fire retardant may cause slow drying (consult supplier).
- Treat knots in timber with Knotting Agent.
- Spot prime nail heads with **Rockgrip Steel Primer** or **Dulux Rustshield**.
- Prime with one coat **Dulux Wood Primer**.
- Special attention must be given to painting the end grain to avoid moisture penetration - apply a second coat after 10 - 20 minutes.

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PREVIOUSLY PAINTED SURFACES

- Loose, flaking paint must be completely removed. Hard glossy surface, i.e. enamel surfaces should be sanded to a matt finish to provide a key and improve inter-coat adhesion.
- Remove oil, grease dirt or any other contaminants with **Dulux Pre-Paint Sugar Soap** powder/water solution and allow drying.
- Spot-prime exposed substrate areas with the appropriate primer.
- Build up spot-primed areas with **Rockgrip General Purpose Undercoat** to the same level as the rest of the paintwork
- Sand smooth after overnight drying

FILLING

Fill and repair imperfections with the appropriate **Dulux Pre-Paint** filler and spot prime filled areas with appropriate **Rockgrip Plaster Primer** or **Rockgrip Water Based Plaster Primer** once the filler has dried properly. Failure to do this will result in uneven sheen levels between the repaired and normal areas.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Warning: Flammable liquid and vapour. May cause cancer. May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure. Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

Rockgrip® paints contain no added lead. Avoid contact with skin or eyes. Keep out of reach of children. If accidentally swallowed, seek medical advice and show this container to the doctor. Dry sanding, flame cutting, and/or welding of the dry paint film will give rise to dust and/or hazardous fumes. Wet sanding should be used whenever possible. If exposure cannot be avoided by the provision of local exhaust ventilation, suitable respiratory protective equipment should be used. Do not empty into drains or watercourses. Ensure good ventilation during application and drying.

Safety and Technical datasheets available on request. Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor/physician if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national or international regulations.

To avoid the risk of spillage, always store and transport containers in a secure, upright position.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Packaging	1Lt, 5Lt, 20Lt
Storage Conditions	Store under cool dry conditions away from direct sunlight, heat and extreme cold.
Disclaimers	N/A Product Specific.

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