

# Direct Finish System for Soffits and Ceilings Only

*Pebbletex Lamina applications to SOFFITSs and ceilings*

## INTRODUCTION

This specification has been assembled to enable the design professional to select or delete sections to suit the project requirements and is intended to be used in conjunction with Finestone® typical details, product bulletins, technical bulletins, etc.

## DESIGN RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of both the specifier and the purchaser to determine if a product is suitable for its intended use. The designer selected by the purchaser shall be responsible for all decisions pertaining to design, detail, structural capability, attachment details, shop drawings and the like. The Wall Systems business of BASF Corporation (herein referred to as “BASF Wall Systems”) has prepared guidelines in the form of specifications, typical application details, and product bulletins to facilitate the design process only. BASF Wall Systems is not liable for any errors or omissions in design, detail, structural capability, attachment details, shop drawings or the like, whether based upon the information provided by BASF Wall Systems or otherwise, or for any changes which the purchasers, specifiers, designers or their appointed representatives may make to BASF Wall Systems published comments.

## Designing and Detailing a DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY

General: The system shall be installed in strict accordance with current recommended published details and product specifications from the system’s manufacturer.

### A. Substrate Systems

1. Acceptable substrates are: PermaBase® brand cement board (or other ASTM C1325 Type A Exterior approved cement boards); ASTM C1177 type sheathings including DensGlass™ exterior sheathing, eXP™ sheathing, GlasRoc® sheathing, Securock™ glass-mat sheathing, Weather Defense™ Platinum sheathing and GreenGlass® sheathing; poured concrete/unit masonry; stucco or exterior gypsum SOFFITS board (ASTM C931 or ASTM C1396).
2. Painted and otherwise coated surfaces of brick, unit masonry, stucco and concrete shall be inspected and prepared as approved by BASF Wall Systems before application. The applicator shall verify that the proposed substrate is acceptable prior to the DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY installation.
3. The substrate systems shall be engineered with regard to structural performance by others.

### B. System Joints

1. Expansion joints in the system are required at building expansion joints, where substrates change and where structural movement is anticipated. It is the sole responsibility of the project design team, including the architect, engineer, etc., to ultimately determine specific expansion joint placement, width and design. Detail specific locations in construction drawings.
2. Sealant joints are required at all penetrations through the DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY
3. Specify compatible closed cell backer rod and acceptable sealant that has been evaluated in accordance with ASTM C 1382, “Test Method for Determining Tensile Adhesion Properties of Sealants” and that meets minimum 50% elongation after conditioning.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Consult BASF Wall Systems’ Technical Services Department for specific recommendations concerning all other applications. Consult the Finestone website, [www.Finestone.basf.com](http://www.Finestone.basf.com), for additional information about products, systems and for updated literature.

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## PART 1 GENERAL

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Items in blue/underlined indicate a system option or choice of options. Throughout the specification, delete those which are not required or utilized.**

### 1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Refer to all drawings and other sections of this specification to determine the type and extent of work therein affecting the work of this section, whether or not such work is specifically mentioned herein.
- B. DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY: consist of base coat, reinforcing mesh and finish coat.
- C. Finestone products are listed in this specification to establish a standard of quality. Any substitutions to this specification shall be submitted to and receive approval from the Architect at least 10 days before bidding. Proof of equality shall be borne by the submitter.
- D. The system type shall be DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY as manufactured by BASF Wall Systems, Jacksonville, Florida.

### 1.02 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Section 03 00 00 Concrete substrate
- B. Section 04 00 00 Masonry substrate
- C. Section 05 40 00 Cold-formed metal framing
- D. Section 06 16 00 Sheathing
- E. Section 06 11 00 Wood framing
- F. Section 07 62 00 Sheet Metal Flashing and Trim
- G. Section 07 65 00 Flexible flashing
- H. Section 07 90 00 Joint protection
- I. Section 09 22 00 Supports for plaster and gypsum board
- J. Section 09 22 16 Non-structural metal framing
- K. Section 09 29 00 Gypsum board

### 1.03 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section [01 33 00]
- B. Product Data: Provide data on DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY materials, product characteristics, performance criteria, limitations and durability.
- C. Samples: Submit [two] [x] [millimeter] [inch] size samples of DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY illustrating finish coat color and texture range.
- D. Certificate: System manufacturer's approval of applicator.
- E. Sealant: Sealant manufacturer's certificate of compliance with ASTM C1382.
- F. System manufacturer's current specifications, typical details, system overview and related product literature which indicate preparation required, storage, installation techniques, jointing requirements and finishing techniques.

### 1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer: More than 10 years in the EIFS industry, with more than 1000 completed EIFS projects.
- B. Applicator: Approved by BASF Wall Systems in performing work of this section.
- C. Field Samples
  - 1. Provide under provisions of Section [01 43 36] [01 43 39].
  - 2. Construct one field sample panel for each color and texture, [x] [meters] [feet] in size of system materials illustrating method of attachment, surface finish color and texture.
  - 3. Prepare each sample panel using the same tools and techniques to be used for the actual application.
  - 4. Locate sample panel where directed.
  - 5. Accepted sample panel [may] [may not] remain as part of the work.
  - 6. Field samples shall be comprised of all wall assembly components including substrate, base coat, reinforcing mesh, primer (if specified), finish coat and typical sealant conditions.
- D. Testing:

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### 1. Pebbletex Finish

TEST	METHOD	CRITERIA	RESULTS
Surface Burning	ASTM E84 / UL 723	Flame spread < 25 Smoke developed < 450	All components of the system meet Class A performance (FS < 25; SD < 450)
Water resistance of Coatings in 100% R.H.	ASTM D2247	No deleterious effects after 14 days	Pass
Salt Fog Resistance	ASTM B117	No change after 300 hours	Pass
Mildew Resistance	Mil. Std. 810B Method 508	No fungus growth after 28 days	Pass
Abrasion Resistance	ASTM D968	Finish Coat not worn through after 686 liters of falling sand	Pass
Accelerated Weathering	ASTM G53	No deleterious effects after 7500 hours	Pass
Accelerated Weathering	ASTM G23	No deleterious effects after 2000 hours	Pass
Tensile Bond	ASTM C297, E2134	Greater than 15 psi	Pass

### 2. Reinforcing Mesh Testing and Impact Resistance

TEST	METHOD	CRITERIA	RESULTS
Alkali Resistance of Reinforcing Mesh	ASTM E 2098	Greater than 120 pli (21 dN/CM) retained tensile strength	Pass (all mesh)
STANDARD MESH	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	25-49 inch-lbs. (2.8-5.6 j)	Pass
INTERMEDIATE 6	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	25-49 inch-lbs. (2.8-5.6 j)	Pass
INTERMEDIATE 12	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	50-89 inch-lbs. (5.7-10.1 j)	Pass
INTERMEDIATE 12 & STANDARD MESH	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	90-150 inch-lbs. (10.2-17.0 j)	Pass
STRONG 15 & STANDARD MESH	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	150 inch-lbs. (17 j)	Pass
HI-IMPACT 20 & STANDARD MESH	ASTM E2486 (formerly EIMA 101.86)	150 inch-lbs. (17 j)	Pass

#### 1.05 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- Deliver, store and handle products under provisions of Section [01 65 00] [01 66 00] [ ].
- Deliver DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY materials in original unopened packages with manufacturer's labels intact.
- Protect DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY materials during transportation and installation to avoid physical damage.
- Store DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY materials in cool, dry place protected from freezing. Store at no less than 4°C/40°F.
- Store Finestone Reinforcing Mesh in cool, dry place protected from exposure to moisture.

#### 1.06 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

- Do not apply DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY in ambient temperatures below 4°C/40°F. Provide properly vented, supplementary heat during installation and drying period when temperatures less than 4°C/40°F prevail.
- Do not apply DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY materials to frozen surfaces.
- Maintain ambient temperature at or above 4°C/40° during and at least 24 hours after DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY installation and until dry.

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### 1.07 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

- A. Coordinate and schedule installation of DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY with related work of other sections.
- B. Coordinate and schedule installation of trim, flashing, and joint sealers to prevent water infiltration behind the system.

### 1.08 WARRANTY

- A. Provide BASF Wall Systems three-year material coatings warranty for DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY installations under provisions of Section [01 70 00]. Reference Finestone's *EIFS and Coating Warranty Schedule* technical bulletin for specific information.
- B. Comply with BASF Wall Systems' project review requirements and notification procedures to assure qualification for warranty.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.01 MANUFACTURERS

- A. DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY manufactured by BASF Wall Systems.

### 2.02 MATERIALS

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#### A. Base Coats: **(Required, Select One or More)**

1. A/BC Base Coat: A 100% acrylic based adhesive and base coat, field-mixed with Type I or Type II Portland cement. It has a creamy texture that is easily spread.
2. A/BC 1-STEP Base Coat: A dry-mix polymer adhesive and base coat containing Portland cement, and requiring only water for mixing.
3. FINEGUARD Base Coat: A 100% acrylic-based, water-resistant adhesive and base coat, field-mixed with Type I or Type II Portland cement.
4. FINEBUILD Base Coat: A 100% acrylic, fiber-reinforced base coat, adhesive and leveler that is field-mixed with Type I or Type II Portland cement.

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Portland cement is not used with A/BC 1-STEP Base Coats.**

#### B. **Portland cement:**

1. Conform to ASTM C150, Type I, II, or I/II, grey or white; fresh and free of lumps.

#### C. **Water:**

1. Clean and potable without foreign matter.

#### D. **Finestone Reinforcing Mesh:** balanced, open-weave glass, fiber reinforcing mesh, twisted multi-end strands treated for compatibility with Finestone Base Coats. **(Required, Select One)**

1. STANDARD MESH 4: Standard weight, 4 oz.
2. INTERMEDIATE 6: Standard/medium weight, 6 oz.
3. INTERMEDIATE 12: Intermediate weight, 12 oz.
4. STRONG 15: Heavy weight, 15 oz. used only in combination with STANDARD MESH or INTERMEDIATE 6.
5. HI-IMPACT 20: Heavy weight, 20 oz. used only in combination with STANDARD MESH or INTERMEDIATE 6.

#### E. **BASF Primer: (Optional)**

1. BASF TINTED PRIMER: A 100% acrylic-based primer that helps alleviate shadowing and enhances performance of the Finestone Wall Systems. Color to closely match the selected Finestone Finish Coat color.

#### F. **Finestone Finish Coat: (Required, Select One or More Textures)**

- A. PEBBLETEx Finish: 100% acrylic polymer finishes with advanced technology to improve long-term performance and dirt pick-up resistance; air cured, compatible with base coat; Finestone finish color [ ] as selected; finish texture:
  - a. NATURAL SWIRL: A medium worm-holed" appearance which is achieved by the random aggregate sizes in the Finish. The "worm-holed" look can be circular, random, vertical or horizontal.

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- b. [ROUGH SWIRL: A heavy “worm-holed” appearance which is achieved by the random aggregate sizes in the finish. The “worm-holed” look can be circular, random, vertical or horizontal.](#)
- c. [LIMESTONE: Utilizes uniformly-sized aggregates for a uniform, fine texture.](#)
- d. [FINETEX: Can achieve a wide variety of free-formed, textured appearances, including stipple and skip-trowel](#)
- e. [MOJAVE: Provides a uniform, “pebble” appearance.](#)

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine surfaces to receive DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY and verify that substrate and adjacent materials are dry, clean, cured, sound and free of releasing agents, paint, or other residue or coatings. Verify substrate surface is flat, free of fins.
- B. Ensure adhesion tests meet the requirements listed in the Basics of Conducting Adhesion Testing Finestone technical bulletin.
- C. Control/Expansion joint type and placement shall be the responsibility of the architect/engineer and substrate manufacturer.
- D. Unsatisfactory conditions shall be reported to the general contractor and corrected before application of the DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY.

#### 3.02 PREPARATION

- A. All surfaces to receive DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY components must be clean, dry and free of airborne contaminants.
- B. Protect all surrounding areas and surfaces from damage and staining during application of DIRECT FINISHING SYSTEM FOR SOFFITS AND CEILINGS ONLY.
- C. Protect finished work at end of each day to prevent water penetration.

#### 3.03 MIXING

General: No additives are permitted unless specified in product mixing instructions. Close containers when not in use. Prepare in a container that is clean and free of foreign substances. Do not use a container which has contained or been cleaned with a petroleum-based product. Clean tools with soap and water immediately after use.

[\*\*NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Keep only the products in this section which were selected in Section 2.02. Delete those not to be utilized.\*\*](#)

##### A. Base Coat:

1. A/BC Base Coat: Mix base coat with a clean, rust-free paddle and drill until thoroughly blended, before adding Portland cement. Mix one part (by weight) Portland cement with one part base coat. Add Portland cement in small increments, mixing until thoroughly blended after each additional increment. Clean, potable water may be added to adjust workability.
2. FINEGUARD Base Coat: Mix base coat with a clean, rust-free paddle and drill until thoroughly blended, before adding Portland cement. Mix one part (by weight) Portland cement with one part base coat. Add Portland cement in small increments, mixing until thoroughly blended after each additional increment. Clean, potable water may be added to adjust workability.
3. FINEBUILD Base Coat: Mix base coat with a clean, rust-free paddle and drill until thoroughly blended, before adding Portland cement. Mix one part (by weight) Portland cement with one part base coat. Add Portland cement in small increments, mixing until thoroughly blended after each additional increment. Clean, potable water may be added to adjust workability.
4. A/BC 1-STEP Base Coat: Mix and prepare each bag in a 5-gallos (19-liter) pail. Fill the container with approximately 1.5-gallons (5.6-liters) of clean, potable water. Add A/BC 1-STEP Base Coat in small increments, mixing after each additional increment. Mix A/BC 1-STEP Base Coat and water with a clean, rust-free paddle and drill until thoroughly blended. Additional A/BC 1-STEP Base Coat or water may be added to adjust workability.

##### B. BASF Primer:

1. BASF TINTED PRIMER: Mix the factory-prepared material with a clean, rust-free paddle and drill until thoroughly blended. A small amount of clean, potable water may be added to adjust workability. Do not overwater.

##### C. Finestone Finishes:

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1. PEBBLETEX Finish: Mix the factory-prepared material with a clean, rust-free paddle and drill until thoroughly blended.  
A small amount of clean, potable water may be added to adjust workability. Do not overwater.

### 3.04 APPLICATION

#### A. Finestone Base Coat/Reinforcing Mesh:

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Indicate on drawings the required locations of standard, medium and high or ultra-high impact reinforcing mesh.**

1. Base coat shall be applied so as to achieve reinforcing mesh embedment with no reinforcing mesh color visible.

#### B. Standard Impact or Medium Impact Resistance Reinforcing Mesh: STANDARD MESH, INTERMEDIATE 6 and INTERMEDIATE 12

1. Install Finestone Reinforcing Mesh where indicated on drawings.
2. Apply mixed Finestone Base Coat to entire surface of insulation board with a stainless steel trowel to embed the reinforcing mesh.
3. Immediately place Finestone Reinforcing Mesh against wet base coat and embed the reinforcing mesh into the base coat by troweling from the center to the edges.
4. Lap reinforcing mesh 2-1/2" (64 mm) minimum at edges.
5. Ensure reinforcing mesh is continuous at corners, void of wrinkles and embedded in base coat so that no reinforcing mesh color is visible.
6. If required, apply a second layer of base coat to achieve total nominal base coat/reinforcing mesh thickness of 1/16" (1.6 mm).
7. Allow base coat with embedded reinforcing mesh to dry hard (normally 8 to 10 hours).

#### C. High Impact or Ultra High Impact Resistance Reinforcing Mesh: INTERMEDIATE 12, STRONG 15 and HI-IMPACT 20

**NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Where STRONG 15 or HI-IMPACT 20 is specified, STANDARD MESH or INTERMEDIATE 6 must be specified also.**

1. Install Finestone Reinforcing Mesh where indicated on drawings.
2. Apply mixed Finestone Base Coat to entire surface of insulation board with a stainless steel trowel to embed the reinforcing mesh.
3. Immediately place INTERMEDIATE 12, STRONG 15 or HI-IMPACT 20 against wet base coat and embed the reinforcing mesh into the base coat by troweling from the center to the edges.
4. Butt STRONG 15 or HI-IMPACT 20 at all adjoining edges; do not use to backwrap or bend around corners.
5. Butt STRONG 15 or HI-IMPACT 20 at adjoining edges of CORNER MESH.
6. Ensure reinforcing mesh is free of wrinkles and embedded in base coat so that no reinforcing mesh color is visible.
7. After base coat with embedded reinforcing mesh is dry and hard (normally 8 to 10 hours), apply a layer of STANDARD MESH or INTERMEDIATE 6 Reinforcing Mesh over the entire surface in accordance with 3.04 to achieve total nominal base coat/ reinforcing mesh thickness of 3/32" (2.4 mm).

#### D. BASF TINTED PRIMER:

1. Apply BASF TINTED PRIMER to the base coat/reinforcing mesh with a sprayer, 3/8" (10 mm) nap roller, or good quality latex paint brush at a rate of approximately 150–250 ft<sup>2</sup> per gallon (3.6–6.1m<sup>2</sup> per liter).
2. BASF TINTED PRIMER shall be dry to the touch before proceeding to the Finestone Finish application.

#### E. Finestone Finish Coat: PEBBLETEX

1. Apply Finestone Finish to the base coat or primed base coat with a clean, stainless steel trowel.
2. Apply and level Finestone Finish during the same operation to minimum obtainable thickness consistent with uniform coverage.
3. Maintain a wet edge on Finestone Finish by applying and texturing continually over the wall surface.
4. Work Finestone finish to corners, joints or other natural breaks and do not allow material to set up within an uninterrupted wall area.
5. Float Finestone Finish to achieve final texture

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### 3.05 CLEANING

- A. Clean work under provisions of Section [\[01 74 00\] \[x\]](#).
- B. Clean adjacent surfaces and remove excess material, droppings, and debris.

### 3.06 PROTECTION

- A. Protect finished work under provisions of Section [01 76 00] [x].

### END OF SECTION

### WARRANTY

BASF warrants this product to be free from manufacturing defects and to meet the technical properties on the current Product Bulletin, if used as directed within shelf life. Satisfactory results depend not only on quality products but also upon many factors beyond our control. BASF MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE WITH RESPECT TO ITS PRODUCTS. The sole and exclusive remedy of Purchaser for any claim concerning this product, including but not limited to, claims alleging breach of warranty, negligence, strict liability or otherwise, is shipment to purchaser of product equal to the amount of product that fails to meet this warranty or refund of the original purchase price of product that fails to meet this warranty, at the sole option of BASF. In the absence of an extended warranty issued by BASF, any claims concerning this product must be received in writing within one (1) year from the date of shipment and any claims not presented within that period are waived by Purchaser. BASF WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL (INCLUDING LOST PROFITS) OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OF ANY KIND.

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