



Dark by Emperor Paint is an advanced, two-coat coloured masonry paint for use on a range of surfaces including render, stone and brickwork.

Finish: Semi-Matt

Composition: Water-based, acrylic-resin

**Application Conditions:** Minimum temperature 5°C.

**Application Method:** Brush, paint roller or airless

spray.

**Initial Surface Condition:** There may be general airborne contamination including dirt, carbon emissions, moss, lichen etc.

Preparation: Wash the wall areas using a low pressure power washer, removing as much contamination, moss and lichen as possible. Check for damaged or missing pointing/mortar. Mortar joints and large cracks should be re-pointed with a suitable repair system. Allow the pointing to completely cure. Apply Emperor Exterior Cleaner on to all areas that have had moss, mould or fungal growth. Allow to dry for a minimum 3 hours at 20°C temperature. At lower temperatures the drying time will be extended. Then wash off the Emperor Cleaner with fresh water and allow to dry.

**Application:** Prior to commencement of the application you must ensure the surface is fully dry and it must be above 5°C. On bare, unpainted surfaces you must apply Dark by Emperor Paint Primer, which can be applied by brush, roller, low pressure pump or airless spray. Allow the Primer to dry for between 3-5 hours at 20°C - at lower temperatures it will take longer. Ensure you mix the paint thoroughly before use with a paddle.

Cleaning: Clean equipment with warm soapy water.

- 1) Apply the first coat of Dark by Emperor Paint at approximately 4–5m² per litre. The first coat must be allowed to fully dry for a minimum of 8 hours before applying the second coat. The first coat may be diluted by up to 5% with water.
- 2) Apply the second coat at 4–5m² per litre and leave to dry. Ensure the second coat undiluted.

**Textured Surfaces:** On textured surfaces, the coverage rate can be as low as 2–3m<sup>2</sup> per litre. If you are applying Emperor Masonry Paint by airless spray on to a textured surface we recommend a colleague follows with a long pile roller to spread the coating thereby optimising the coverage.

**Storage:** Must be stored in dry, frost free conditions preferably at room temperature.

**Restrictions:** At 20°C the product is touch dry in approx 2 hours. It can be recoated after approx 8 hours at 20°C temperatures. When the temperature is below 5°C it should not be applied. Avoid painting in direct sunlight when temperatures are above 25°C. Cannot be applied to elastomeric painted surfaces or retaining walls. Not recommended for lime render, silicone render, sandstone or limestone. In these cases, use Emperor Masonry Paint.

Testing & Certifications: Independently tested by a UKAS accredited laboratory passing four certifications; EAD 040287-00-04:2018 - 25-year performance, DIN EN ISO 53054 - Tensile strength, DIN EN ISO 7783-2 - Water vapour permeability, DIN EN ISO 1062/3 - Water impermeability.