

HOW TO APPLY Emperor Masonry Paint

Before you start with anything there are a few things to bear in mind. Make sure that the temperature is above 5°C when you are painting and for the full drying time. Also ensure that there is no risk of rainfall before the paint has dried. It is recommended to avoid painting in direct sunlight as this can impact how paint dries.

Essential equipment:

Emperor Masonry Paint	Long-pile roller
Emperor Exterior Primer (if required)	Masonry brush
Emperor Exterior Cleaner (if required)	Paint scuttle

You may need:

Dustsheets & protection	Good quality exterior filler
Sandpaper	Paint scraper
Masking tape	Filling knife

1. Clean

Ensure the surface is clean and free from dirt, debris or contamination. Cleaning is a two step process. Firstly, wash the masonry down with a pressure washer (on a low pressure), hosepipe or a stiff brush and hot water. This removes the surface level dirt from the wall. Once dry apply Emperor Masonry Cleaner to the wall where there are problems with organic growth. Apply the cleaner to the wall using a brush, roller or pump-sprayer and allow this to dry for 2-3 hours at 20°C.



2. Repair

The surface you are painting must be sound before you can paint it. If there are any cracks or holes in the wall, make sure you fill these with a good-quality exterior filler. If there is any peeling paint, remove this using a paint scraper back to a 'firm edge', where no more paint can be removed.



3. Prime

Bare masonry or render that isn't painted must be primed before you paint. You do not need to prime surfaces that are painted or silicone renders that are pre-coloured. Apply Emperor Masonry Primer using a brush or roller at between 5-8m² per litre. Allow the primer to dry for 3-5 hours at 20°C, or longer at lower temperatures. If applying Emperor Textured Basecoat, you do not need to apply primer as this is self-priming. This can simply be applied to bare surfaces and then overcoated with paint.



4. Paint

Mix the paint with a paddle before use. Emperor Masonry Paint is a two-coat paint which must be applied at 5-6m² per litre on smooth surfaces, which can be reduced down to 2-3m² per litre on rough, textured surfaces such as pebbledash. You can dilute your first coat of paint by 10% with water but do not dilute your second coat. While touch dry after 1-2 hours, it is crucial to allow 8 hours at 20°C for the first coat to dry before you apply your second coat. Lower temperatures will extend drying times.



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