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SPECIFICATION GUIDE — ARCHITECTURAL FINISHES APPLIED BY HAND

Decora Venetian Plaster

INCANTO · CARRARA · TESEO · TATTO

Lime-based finishes shaped by the hand and the light. Select the product, application technique and protection together to establish the intended surface.

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01 — SELECTION

Choose the finish

This guide covers four Decora lime finishes: Incanto, Carrara, Teseo and Tatto. Each has a different texture and finish character. Name the product in the specification rather than using Venetian plaster as the complete selection. [1-4]



VENETIAN PLASTER — MATERIAL DETAIL

PRODUCT	CHARACTER	PUBLISHED FINISH THICKNESS
Incanto / D001	Textured lime finish; wavy or worked effects. Interior use. [1]	1.00-1.50 mm
Carrara / D004	Medium-grain lime finish, worked smooth with a semi-gloss appearance. Interior use. [2]	0.80-1.10 mm
Teseo / D005	Travertine effect with scratched texture and smoother worked areas. Interior or exterior use, subject to the project system. [3]	1.00-1.30 mm
Tatto / D006	Smooth satin finish with a soft, velvet-like touch. Interior use. [4]	1.00-1.30 mm

Agree the surface, not only the colour

The physical sample should establish trowel scale, direction, texture, sheen and the amount of movement. For a travertine effect, agree pore density, scratch direction and the contrast between open and polished areas. For broad walls and ceilings, review a site sample with the proposed lighting before completing the room.

Thicknesses above refer to the decorative coating, not the complete wall preparation. Product suitability and the final appearance depend on the selected system and application technique.

02 — PREPARATION

Start with the substrate

The product sheets identify plasterboard, gypsum board, concrete and several existing finishes with suitable preparation or primer. [1-4] The following are Medida Forma coordination requirements for the project specification.

SUBSTRATE	PREPARATION AND ACCEPTANCE
Plasterboard and gypsum board	Agree the required wall finish under the actual lighting. Complete joints, fasteners and repairs; sand evenly and remove dust before the accepted primer.
Concrete, masonry or render	Review curing, surface strength, laitance, porosity and moisture. Repair defects and agree levelling where the existing surface will affect the decorative result.
Previously painted walls	Identify the coating and check adhesion. Remove weak material, treat contamination and agree a compatible preparation and primer. Trial uncertain surfaces.
Existing lime plaster	Assess soundness and absorption. Repair weak or hollow areas. Confirm whether direct application or a primer is appropriate for the selected product.
MDF or decorative joinery faces	Obtain written acceptance of board, fixing, edges and joints. Address movement and moisture exposure. Limit use to the accepted decorative application.
Wet, cracked or mixed substrates	Resolve the cause of damp and movement first. Agree repairs, reinforcement and transitions before decorating. A decorative coat is not a structural repair.

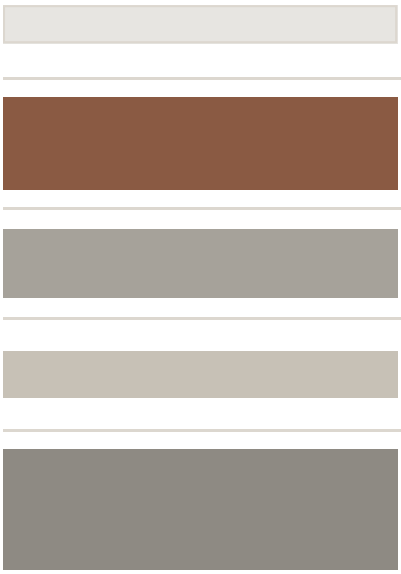
Before plastering starts

Approve the substrate and sample, confirm lighting and complete service cut-outs. Agree where the finish stops at doors, ceilings, skirtings and joinery. Record the extent of corners, reveals, curves, columns and access equipment in the scope.

03 — SYSTEM

Build the complete system

The product and the hand establish the finish.



01 **Protection if specified**
Compatible wax or protective treatment, sample-approved

02 **Worked finish coat**
Final texture, compaction or polishing to accepted sample

03 **Lime plaster base coat**
Incanto, Carrara, Teseo or Tatto as scheduled

04 **Compatible primer**
Mineral Primer / DOC Primer as directed by product data

05 **Accepted wall or ceiling**
Prepared, sound and stable substrate

Typical decorative wall concept, shown from exposed face to substrate. Diagram is schematic and not to scale. Products and coat sequence follow the selected finish data sheet.

SELECTION	COORDINATION REQUIREMENT
Application conditions	The four referenced data sheets state +10 to +30 degrees C and relative humidity below 85%. Observe the chosen primer and protection limits too. [1-4]
Protection	Decora lists Natural Wax and Marseille soap protectors for smooth interior lime finishes. Suitability must be confirmed for the particular texture and use. [5]
Coat sequence	Use the selected product instructions and accepted technique. Agree drying and access periods before setting the programme.

Bathrooms, exteriors and fireplaces

This guide does not specify shower interiors, floors or benchtops. Obtain a separate system recommendation for direct water exposure. Exterior use is product-specific; the cited Teseo sheet includes exterior surfaces, which does not extend approval to the other finishes. For fireplace surrounds, confirm the appliance clearances and substrate temperature with the designer and manufacturer before selecting the decorative assembly.

04 — SPECIFICATION

Suggested specification clause

COPY INTO THE PROJECT SPECIFICATION

Provide Decora [product name] lime plaster to the scheduled walls and ceilings, installed by Medida Forma. Submit current product data, the preparation and primer schedule, and a physical sample showing the specified colour, texture, sheen and application direction. Prepare the accepted substrate and apply the selected product in accordance with its current technical instructions and the approved sample. Include the scheduled protective treatment only after compatibility and its visual effect are accepted. Maintain designed joints and complete corners, reveals, junctions and terminations to approved details. Protect adjacent work and the finished surface. Provide final product, colour and care records at handover.

05 — SCHEDULE

Project selection schedule

SELECTION	PROJECT INFORMATION
Finish code / extent	Rooms, walls, ceilings, reveals and columns
Product	Incanto / Carrara / Teseo / Tatto
Colour / sample	Supplier colour reference and approved sample ID
Technique / sheen	Texture scale, direction, burnishing and approved effect
Substrate / primer	Accepted preparation, repairs and named primer
Protection	Named treatment or agreed uncoated finish
Junctions / lighting	Stops, joints, edge details and sample lighting conditions

06 — CARE

Care

Issue cleaning instructions for the actual plaster and protective treatment. As a proposed care approach, begin with gentle dry dusting and test any supplier-approved cleaner on a discreet area. Avoid abrasive pads and vigorous local scrubbing. Have Medida Forma review stains, impact damage or proposed recoating before treatment; local repairs may remain visible.

07 — HANDOVER

Handover

Provide the selected product and primer, colour and sample reference, protective treatment, batch records and care instructions. Record accepted visual characteristics under the agreed lighting. Explain any protection and access restrictions during drying. Confirm with the supplier how the selected finish is to be cleaned, repaired or renewed before handing it to the building manager.

08 — EVIDENCE

Performance evidence

Any required fire, emissions or other performance evidence must cover the selected products and relevant assembly. A European material classification is not, by itself, a project-specific Australian compliance assessment. Obtain current technical advice before tender or construction issue.

09 — SOURCES

Sources

[1] Decora Incanto D001 MTDS 001ENG, issued 9 November 2018.

[2] Decora Carrara D004 MTDS 004ENG, issued 9 November 2018.

[3] Decora Teseo D005 MTDS 005ENG, issued 9 November 2018.

[4] Decora Tatto D006 MTDS 006ENG, issued 9 November 2018.

[5] Decora primers and protective products Current product descriptions and technical download links.

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Talk to us about the specification.

Request physical samples, a showroom visit, a studio presentation or support with substrates, junctions and budget pricing for your project.

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