

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Re-Finishing

Section 7

When it becomes necessary to change the color of the building there are two methods that can be used effectively. The reasons for refinishing include finish color has faded, there are numerous patches where the finish color just does not match, or the color scheme of the business has changed.

Method One:

If the existing finish coat is in good condition and not in need of repair it is possible to re-coat the textured surface with a top coat of high quality acrylic paint.

1. Understand that by re-coating with a paint type product that some of the texture will be lost.
2. The first step is to ensure that the existing finish is clean and dry prior to the re-coating
3. Power wash and lightly scrub the wall surface with a stiff bristle brush to remove all embedded dirt or contamination.
4. Once the wall is dry, apply a new finish top coat by using an appropriate nap roller, spray equipment, or even a brush.

Method Two:

If the existing wall has been repaired numerous times it would be time to be more aggressive by using the following re-finishing process:

1. The wall still needs to be clean and dry before proceeding. This is also the time to make any final repairs.
2. The next step is to “blank out” the wall. There are two methods to accomplish this.
 - A. One method is to apply a skim coat of extremely fine finish over the existing textured finish. The reason for using finish would be to maintain the maximum breath-ability of the exterior coating.
 - B. The most common method is to skim the wall with an adhesive base coat. This process could use incorporate an additional reinforcing mesh if needed..
3. Regardless of the method used allow the skim coat to dry for 24 hours before applying the new textured finish coat.
4. It is recommended that professional stucco mechanics be hired to accomplish the re-finishing because they have the tools and the talent.

