

# Operations and Maintenance Manual

## Wetherby Insulated EpsiCoat Mineral Render Plus System



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# Wetherby Insulated Epsicoat Mineral Render Plus System

## 1.0 Wetherby Insulated Epsicoat Mineral Render Plus System Information

Wetherby EpsiCoat Mineral Render Plus finishes are flexible and durable renders used as the finish coat over a high impact polymer modified base coat. The base coat is applied 6-8mm thick with alkali resistant reinforcing mesh bedded to provide further strength and anti-crack protection. The base coat is finished smooth and, when cured, WBS Epsicoat Primer is brush or roller applied and then the selected mineral render plus finish is trowel applied to the property.



### WBS Insulated EpsiCoat Mineral Render Plus System

- WBS Insulation Board.
- WBS Scrim Adhesive 6-8mm.
- WBS Alkali Resistant Reinforcement Mesh bedded into the scrim adhesive.
- WBS Epsicoat Primer.
- WBS Epsicoat Mineral Render Plus.

### EpsiCoat Mineral Render Plus Colours:



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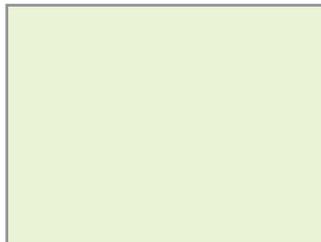
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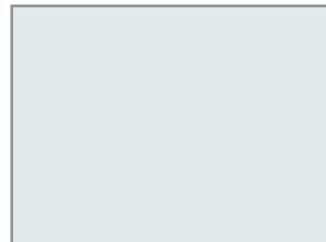
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# Wetherby Insulated Epsicoat Mineral Render Plus System

## 2.0 Aftercare and Maintenance

### 2.1 Silicone Sealant

Wetherby specify a 25 year minimum life expectancy silicone sealant for their render systems to ensure long term protection against water ingress. Where Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant or an equivalent WBS approved sealant is used and applied as instructed, this extended life expectancy means minimal checks will be required to silicone sealant during the systems design life.

During periodic inspections, should any damage to sealant be observed this should be removed and reinstated with the WBS approved 25 year minimum life expectancy sealant to ensure the integrity of the system is maintained.

### 2.2 Garden and Plant Consideration

Keep garden soil levels as far below the system as possible as soil splashing will discolour the base of the system over time. Plants, trees and creepers can cause staining of render finishes and care should be taken in the positioning of them. Climbing plants, provided they have the properly fixed trellis, will not cause any damage to the system, however some staining may be caused.

### 2.3 General Considerations

Metal objects should be kept away from the insulated render system and not leaned up against the system. Rust staining can soon discolour the finish and damage the system, particularly on lightly coloured system finishes.

Dripping overflows and splashes from leaking gutters and down-pipes can soon mark and spoil the render finish. Such leaks should be repaired as soon as possible to prevent water staining.

Exhaust emissions from vehicles can leave unsightly black marks on the render system and care should be taken when parking vehicles close to the rendered area.

Care should be taken when handling heavy objects, for example dustbins, near the render system. Although the system is resistant to damage, these types of objects particularly near corners can cause damage, which is visually undesirable although easily repairable.

### 2.4 Damage to the System

Any damage to the EWI system must be repaired immediately as per the information in this document. Any cracks exceeding 0.2mm must be investigated to assess the cause and repaired as appropriate. Damage to the topcoat should be repaired in a short time frame to prevent further damage to the area. Damage to the basecoat and insulation will require immediate repair to prevent water ingress into the system. Please see Section 5 of this document for further information on repair procedures.

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## 3.0 Additions to the EWI System

### 3.1 Detailing of Additions

Carefully choose any further additions to the property that are to be added after the insulated render system is complete. Drain-off from poorly designed or poorly installed items such as canopies, lights, alarm boxes, hanging baskets etc., will stain render finishes. Water should always be channelled away from the render surface and not allowed to streak down the render face or pool against the render. Additions creating a flat ledge are advised against as water and dirt will splash up and soak the render, creating staining and possibly damage to the render finish.

### 3.2 Fixtures and Fittings

Wetherby advise fixtures & fittings are installed in one of the following ways...

- 1) Drill out holes to the approximate size through the system back into the existing substrate and clean out any loose material. Insert Wetherby SWI-FIX tension spacers at the relevant fixing points. The fixtures may then be installed as normal but should be evenly tightened against the spacers and not the render system. Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant must be neatly applied around the spacers to ensure water penetration is prevented.
- 2) Install specialist insulation fixings through the EWI system into the main substrate as per manufacturer's instructions, Drill a suitably sized hole and clean out the area. Install the fixing ensuring the thermal barrier is flush with the render. Screw in the fixing and seal using Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant where required. Mount the fixture and hand tighten the screw. (Wetherby approved fixings must be used, please contact the Technical department for further information).

### 3.3 Satellite Dish Installation

If fitting a satellite dish to completed areas of the external wall insulation system, please use the fixing method as above (section 3.2) ensuring the dish is securely fixed back to the substrate and movement is restricted. Specialist SWI-FIX spacers and appropriate fixings are available from Wetherby. All fixings must be suitably sealed with Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant.

### 3.4 Addition of Metalwork

Any metalwork to be added to the building such as clothes line hooks, should be well painted or otherwise protected if they are made from a ferrous metal. Attachment to the building should be made with fixings which penetrate through the system and into the substrate, for example sleeved bolts or extended length fixings. These should be sealed at their abutment with the system using Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant.

### 3.5 Pipes and Vents

Any additional pipes or vents which penetrate the system should be passed through holes in the insulated render (max. 5mm larger than the pipe diameter), finishing proud of the render system. Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant can then be used to seal between the pipes and system ensuring water penetration is prevented.

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## 3.6 Replacement of Existing Windows

Where doors or windows are to be replaced after installation of the system, it is always the preferred option to replace internally to minimize damage to the EWI. Care must be taken not to damage the system in the reveals on removal or replacement and the new door / window will need to be resealed against the system, potentially involving patching in the render but always using Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant to ensure long term water tightness. Any damage to the insulated render system should be repaired in line with Wetherby guidance.

## 3.7 Addition of New Doors / Windows

Where new doors, windows or other openings are to be cut into the structure, the system must be layered back by a minimum of 150mm per layer of material away from the opening. New WBS materials should be applied in sequence neatly back to the new fitment or opening. See the Wetherby Patch Repair guide (Section 5.0) for further information.

## 3.8 Canopies, Outhouses and Lean-Tos

Any additions to the property to be fixed to the EWI system, for example canopies, outhouses or lean-tos, should be sealed where it abuts the system using Wetherby EVO-STIK Silicone Sealant. Water penetration into the system must be prevented at all times. Appropriate fixing methods should be used as per Wetherby guidance. The Wetherby Detailing of Additions guidance (Section 3.1) at the start of this section should be followed, following advice on water runoff and staining.

## 3.9 Extensions and Conservatories

Any additions requiring the EWI system to be cut back should be completed by layering back each layer of material by a minimum of 150mm per layer. Please see the Wetherby Patch Repair guide (Section 5.0) for further information. The system will need to be re-sealed against the new substrate or completed with use of a stop bead to fully seal the system. The roof abutment must be completed as per Wetherby standard detail drawings, please contact the Wetherby Technical department for further information.



## 4.0 General Maintenance and Cleaning

### 4.1 Pressure Washing

Where staining has occurred, a pressure wash can be used to clean the face of the mineral render plus system. The pressure washer should be set at 100bar maximum and used no closer than 1 metre away from the render to ensure the surface is not damaged during the cleaning process. A sample panel should always be completed first to assess the impact and potential damage from pressure washing.

### 4.2 Dust Marks / Minor Aesthetically Damaged Areas

Mild soapy water may remove small areas of cement dust, soil, scuff marks etc., however it must be stressed that this action may also worsen the problem. A small test panel should always be completed first.

Small splashes / marks should be carefully removed with a knife or similar sharp instrument. Care should be taken not to damage the render. Make good with Mineral Render Plus texture / paint to match the existing finish.

Larger areas of aesthetically damaged render may require repairs as above followed by a full coat of WBS Epsicoat Stain. Full elevations should be coated to prevent the appearance of patching.

### 4.3 Indentations and Damaged Rendered Areas

Areas where the topcoat / basecoat has been damaged resulting in indentations to the system, the area will need to be re-coated. This will be completed by removing the damaged layers in stages and reapplying the whole system using the basecoat and mesh followed by the primer and mineral render plus finish, in line with the Wetherby Patch Repair guidance (Section 5.0).

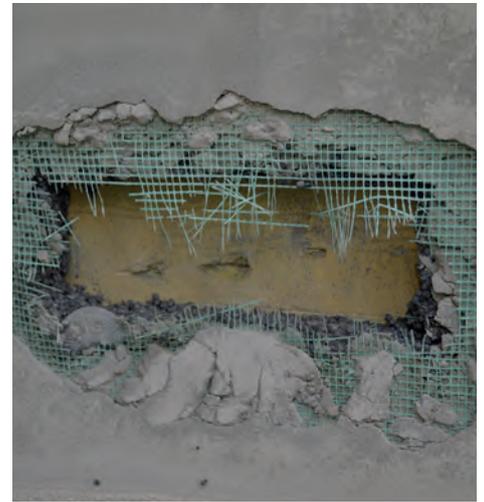
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## 5.0 Patch Repair

Records and photographs should be kept of damaged areas and the various stages of the repair process. Repairs should be completed by a Wetherby recognised contactor.



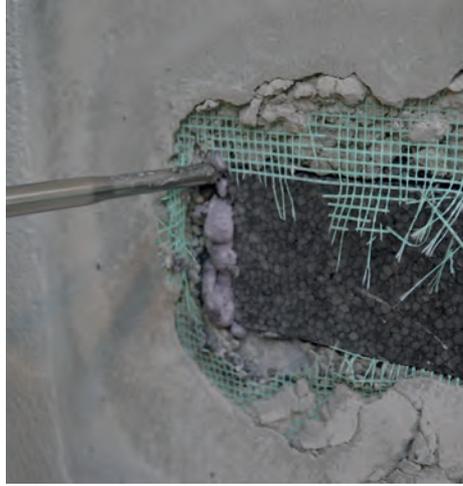
1. Example damage to system.
2. Grind back the Wetherby Mineral Render Plus topcoat and primer to a minimum of 150mm from the exposed insulation.
3. Square off the area, using a chisel where required, to leave a neat square or rectangle in the system.



4. Remove all loose / damaged basecoat taking care not to disturb the alkali resistant reinforcing mesh.
5. Carefully cut out damaged insulation in a neat square / rectangle ready for new insulation to be cut and inserted.
6. Cut off any mechanical fixings level with the original structure. Remove any bedding adhesive from the substrate and clean area ready to receive new product.

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## Patch Repair



7. Cut insulation to fit tightly against existing insulation, using bedding adhesive where required, as per the existing system.
8. Foam fill any gaps around the insulation larger than 2mm and allow to fully cure before applying Wetherby Scrim Adhesive.
9. Drill and install Wetherby approved fixings ensuring the board is securely held and supported. A minimum ratio of 8 fixings per m<sup>2</sup> must be used.



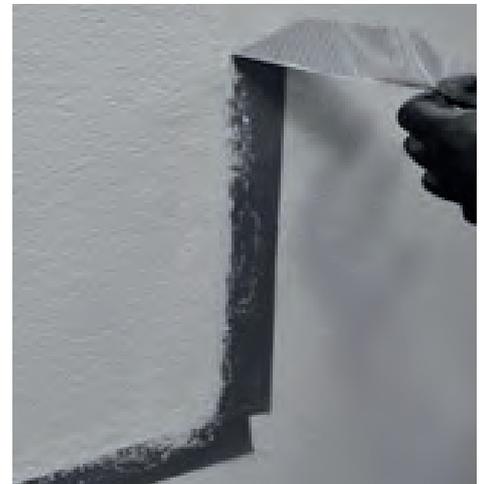
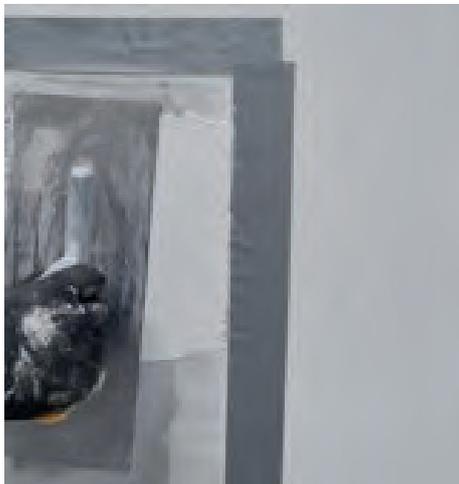
10. Cut Wetherby Alkali Resistant Mesh to suit the patch, ensuring the mesh laps onto the existing exposed basecoat.
11. Apply Wetherby Scrim Adhesive to the insulation board and lap onto existing scrim adhesive with a 1-2mm tight coat of adhesive.
12. Bed Wetherby Alkali Resistant Mesh into scrim adhesive, lapping over the existing scrim adhesive and mesh.

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## Patch Repair



13. Smooth adhesive using a sponge float where appropriate, ensuring all mesh is embedded in the basecoat and is not visible. Allow to fully dry.
14. Apply tape around the patch to protect the existing mineral render plus, creating a tape joint between the new and existing render.
15. Apply primer to the basecoat as per the standard installation. Allow to fully dry.



16. Apply mineral render plus to the area, installing flush with the existing render.
17. Rub up the mineral render plus with a plastic trowel to texture the surface and match the existing render.
18. Remove tape whilst the mineral render plus is still wet.

## Patch Repair



19. Use a paint brush to blend the newly applied mineral render plus into the existing finish, removing any excess render.
20. Allow render to fully dry.

**N.B. Patching the mineral render plus will usually be noticeable as replicating the same finish and texture with no noticeable joints is extremely difficult to achieve.**

**Applying WBS EpsiCoat Stain over the entire elevation is the only way to ensure patching is not visible.**

Failure to action the repair to the EWI system in event of damage, water ingress or failure of sealant in accordance with this manual may result in the system guarantee becoming invalid. Should you have any queries regarding the above items please contact the Wetherby technical department.

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## 6.0 Redecoration of Mineral Render Plus Systems

### Wetherby EpsiCoat Stain

The Wetherby Mineral Render Plus System can be redecorated by applying Wetherby EpsiCoat Stain over the existing render. Wetherby EpsiCoat Stain has been thoroughly tested and has extensive track record of use with the Epsicoat systems. Overcoating with Epsicoat Stain will retain the systems benefits such as prolonging the low maintenance finish and durability of the system whilst also retaining the moisture vapour permeability.

Wetherby EpsiCoat Stain can be tinted to the same colour as the original mineral render plus, although patching the system will be noticeable due to different textures and weathering of colours. It is recommended full elevations are coated to provide a consistent and as good as new appearance to the façade.

The Wetherby EpsiCoat Stain is suitable for use with the Wetherby EpsiCoat Render Systems.

For further information please see the following product information.



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## 6.2 Wetherby Epsicoat Stain

Wetherby EpsiCoat Stain is a ready mixed pigmented coating designed for application as a topcoat for Wetherby EpsiCoat Silicone, EpsiCoat Acrylic and EpsiCoat Mineral Render finishes. It has excellent dirt pick-up resistance and is designed to be effective in areas where atmospheric pollution is a problem. Wetherby EpsiCoat Stain is a low profile coating providing colour to the surface with minimum film build, therefore allowing the original granular appearance of the render finish to be retained. The product can be tinted to the original render colour or to a reference of a specific colour range such as NCS, RAL or BS references, providing thousands of options.

### Properties

- Excellent dirt pick-up resistance.
- Algae and fungal resistant.
- High opacity, low profile coating.
- Breathable film.
- Excellent UV resistance.

### Suitable Substrates

- Wetherby EpsiCoat Silicone Render
- Wetherby EpsiCoat Acrylic Render
- Wetherby EpsiCoat Mineral Render Plus
- Older Renders

### Substrate Preparation

Check render for soundness and make repairs to any damaged areas.

Remove old defective paint coatings.

Cover surrounding glass, metal, ceramics, natural stone etc. before applying WBS Epsicoat Stain.

Treat areas of surface attacked by fungi, algae or moss with WBS Biocidal Wash.

Clean surface to be painted ensuring no loose or friable materials remain. A jet wash may be used to thoroughly clean substrate where required.

Apply a test panel to check the shade before painting entire area.



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## 6.2 Wetherby Epsicoat Stain

### Application

Coating can be applied by brush, roller or airless spraying. Complete with one method only to ensure a uniform finish. The first coat should be allowed to fully dry before applying a second coat which will remove all application marks and shadowing.

### Curing

Protect freshly applied coating from direct sunlight, strong winds, rain and frost.

Wait for at least 6 hours before performing the next working step.

High humidity or wet conditions may extend drying times.

TECHNICAL DATA	
Product	Wetherby Epsicoat Stain
Binder	Pure acrylic
Pigments	Fade resistant pigments
Viscosity	2,000cps
Colours	Wide selection of colour ranges available including NCS and RAL references
Material Consumption	0.2 - 0.3kg/m <sup>2</sup> in two coats
Packaging	15 litre drums
Storage	Frost-free and cool. 12 months in original unopened containers.

**N.B.** No colour guarantee can be given if shade and surface structure changes over time, influenced by weather or atmosphere. A test surface should be used to test and compare the shade before application of the product.

# Wetherby Insulated Epsicoat Mineral Render Plus System

## 7.0 Wetherby System Products

Wetherby system products and ancillary items can be purchased through our trade counter, please contact:

Telephone: 01942 528354

Email: [tradecounterhq@wbs-ltd.co.uk](mailto:tradecounterhq@wbs-ltd.co.uk)

Each Wetherby trade counter provides a bespoke collection service and offers a wide range of leading branded products along with experienced members of staff who are on hand to help guide you when choosing the right materials for the job.



## 7.1 Wetherby SWI-FIX Spacers



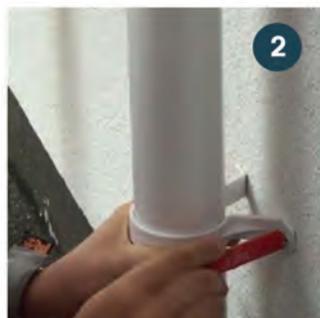
Having invested in external wall insulation to enhance a property, it is important to ensure guarantees are protected through the correct installation of fixtures and fittings. Any items installed must not damage or crush the EWI system or allow water ingress into the system.

The Wetherby SWI-FIX products are an easy solution for fixtures such as hanging baskets, external lights, hose reels, satellite dishes, alarms, etc.

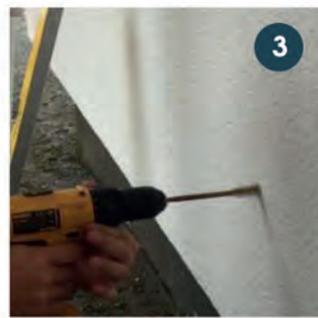
### Installation Guide:



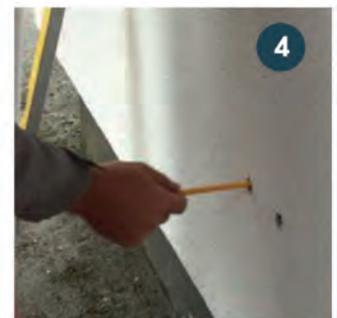
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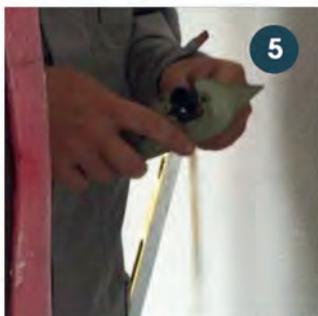
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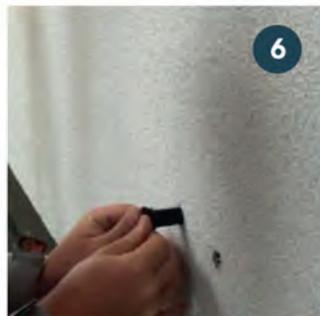
Drill 16mm hole



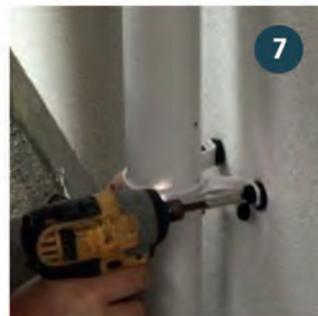
Measure depth to substructure



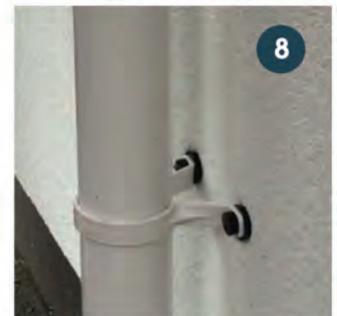
Cut tube to length



Place rubber & insert tube



Insert plug, screw & fix through EWI



Installation complete

## 7.2 Wetherby Biocidal Wash

**A highly effective biocidal solution which effectively removes algae, mould and lichen.**

Wetherby's Aspira Biocidal Wash is suitable for a range of substrate materials including: Brick, tile, concrete, stone and cladding, as well as silicone, acrylic, mineral and polymer modified render finishes.

An environmentally friendly cleaning solution, safe to plants, animals and humans.

- Kills algae, mould and lichen (approx 1 year)
- Leaves residual protection
- No rinsing required
- Environmentally friendly option



Although many renders incorporate algae resistant properties, substrates can eventually become susceptible to micro-organisms when located in very green or damp areas.

Wetherby's Aspira Biocidal Wash contains a patented mix of biocides which can be used to treat affected render systems and substrates.

Independently Tested: ASTM Standards 5589 Anti-Algal/ 5590 Anti-Mould



Application: Apply by brush, roller or back-pack sprayer. Note that the substrate must be completely dry before application.

(Please contact technical for further info).

Available as a 5 litre concentrate with coverage of approx. 500m<sup>2</sup>\*

*\*Based on silicone or acrylic render at a dilution rate of 9:1. Porous surfaces or reduced dilution will decrease coverage.*

## 7.3 Wetherby Render Protector

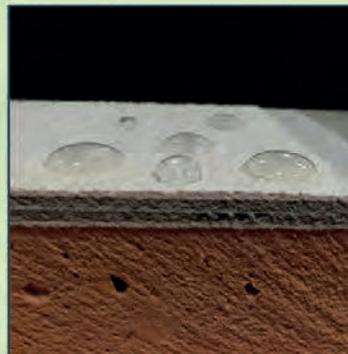
A unique highly water repellent coating providing superior protection against algae, mould, pollution, staining and dirt.

Wetherby's Aspira Render Protector is suitable for a range of substrate materials including: silicone, acrylic, mineral and polymer modified renders, tile and brick.

An ideal solution for protecting facades located in polluted and damp areas or buildings situated in highly exposed settings. These type of projects can often be more susceptible to staining.

WBS Aspira Render Protector is a low-film-build coating to produce outstanding protective properties;

- Improves weather resistance.
- Reduces dirt pick up.
- Translucent coating.
- Protects against algae, mould and lichen



example of beading



algae on brick

WBS Aspira Render Protector is vapour permeable, allowing the system to breath whilst producing a highly water resistant surface: creating a dry environment algae cannot survive on. The properties also conduct away any static, reducing dirt attraction to the surface.

Independently Tested: ASTM Standards 5589 Anti-Algal/ 5590 Anti-Mould achieving 5 years minimum life expectancy.



Application: Applied by roller in a single full coating over the existing render system; can be used on multiple substrates to improve water resistance & dirt repellence, e.g brick, tile & timber.  
(Please contact technical for further info).

Available in a 5 litre container with coverage of approx. 50m<sup>2</sup> per container.

*Based on Silicone/Acrylic render. Porous surfaces will reduce coverage.*

# 8.0 Wetherby Contact Information

## Technical Department

For technical queries on the operations and maintenance of the WBS Mineral Render Plus System please contact our technical department on the details below:

Technical Helpline:

Tel: 08458 382380

E-mail: [info@wbs-ltd.co.uk](mailto:info@wbs-ltd.co.uk)

## Trade Counter

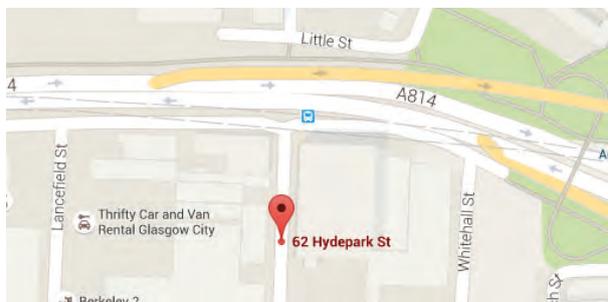
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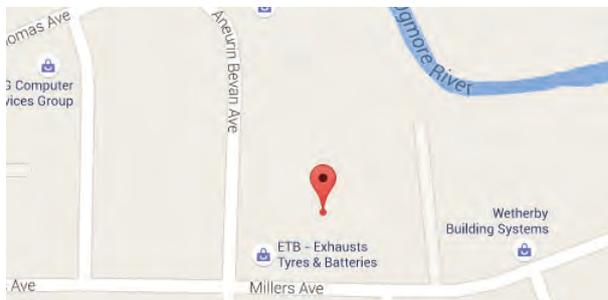
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