

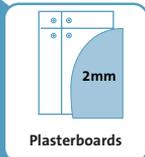
25kg



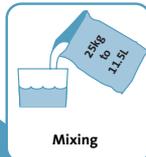
+60% Tougher



Undercoat plasters



Plasterboards



Mixing

# Thistle Durafinish

Gypsum finish plaster for increased damage resistance



**British Gypsum**  
SAINT-GOBAIN

# Thistle Durafinish Installation Guide

- Thistle Durafinish has been designed for areas that are prone to damage
- 60% tougher than standard Thistle Multi-Finish
- Good adhesion to existing 'sound' wall surfaces

- Retains wall appearance for longer in high traffic areas
- Excellent resistance to accidental damage
- Ideal for stairways and corridors

## Step 1

0 - 5 mins

Add 12 litres of water to the mixing bucket (other Thistle finishing plasters use less, at 11.5 litres).



## Step 2

0 - 5 mins

Gradually add the plaster whilst mixing:

- The mix may seem wetter than other Thistle finishing plaster, e.g. Thistle Multi-Finish
- DO NOT add any more powder to thicken the mix. The product will bulk out and absorb the water within approximately five minutes to bring it back to the desired consistency



- Mix to a wetter consistency than usual.
- Water can be seen on the edges of the mix whilst on the hawk.
- If gently shaken on the hawk the plaster will settle as shown.

## Step 3

5 - 20 mins

Apply first coat to the wall (approx. 1mm thick):

- Plasterboard and re-skimming: no bonding agent is required.

- Undercoat plaster: use Thistle GypPrime to reduce the suction.

A mix of 5 parts water to 1 part Thistle GypPrime should be applied to the undercoat plaster and left to draw into the undercoat plaster prior to the application of Thistle Durafinish. For extreme suction use Thistle GypPrime undiluted. Skimming while the Thistle GypPrime appears wet on the surface is likely to result in Thistle Durafinish blistering. The time required for Thistle GypPrime to be drawn in is likely to be between 20 and 180 minutes depending on the undercoat plaster used and environmental conditions.



## Step 4

20 - 45 mins

Apply second coat to the wall (approx. 1mm thick, 2mm overall).



## Step 5

45 - 65 mins

**IMPORTANT:** Get the surface flat and even. Thistle Durafinish needs to be made much flatter at this stage compared to other Thistle finishing plasters. If the surface is not made flat, trowelling (steps 6, 7 and 8) will prove difficult.



## Step 6

90 mins

1<sup>st</sup> trowel.



## Step 7

115 mins

2<sup>nd</sup> trowel.



## Step 8

135 mins

Final trowel.



Additional information available at [www.british-gypsum.com](http://www.british-gypsum.com)

Version 3, December 2011

**NB** The minimum temperature to be maintained until dry is 5°C for Thistle Durafinish. Times stated are approximate (finishing times are reduced by suction or extended by cold weather).