

## **BASF Wall Systems and SPEC MIX® Combine Forces**

### **Now Offering the Stucco Marketplace an Advanced Formula, Innovative Delivery, and High Performance Systems**

We are very pleased to announce the introduction of a unique stucco program developed jointly by BASF Wall Systems and SPEC MIX®, Inc., a leader in factory-blended construction products and silo material delivery systems. BASF Wall Systems distributors can now offer their customers more sustainable stucco systems that combine BASF Wall Systems' products with computer-batched SPEC MIX Fiber Base Coat (FBC) stucco and are backed by a single source warranty.

FBC is a dry, pre-blended cement stucco basecoat that is engineered with proprietary admixtures and fibers that reduce shrinkage and checking. Produced at over 57 manufacturing facilities in the USA and Canada, SPEC MIX FBC is computer batched under strict quality control procedures for consistency and performance unmatched by traditional field-mixed stucco. It can be installed as a "one coat stucco" basecoat or as the scratch and brown coat in a traditional stucco application. According to Brian Carney, VP/GM of SPEC MIX, "In order to maintain batch-to-batch consistency and optimal performance, our product formulation starts with dried sands meeting a specific gradation rather than aggregate with varying moisture content and particle size. This eliminates the bulking effect typical of damp, loose sand that results in base coat variations, cracking and poor trowelability."

The portable SPEC MIX silo systems introduced to the construction industry in 1989 can be enclosed to permit year-round construction in all climates. Available in 1 – 8 cubic yard capacity, these unique material delivery systems increase a contractor's productivity and provide a means of eliminating disposable packaging and jobsite waste. Pallets and bulk bag containers are reusable and are picked up when a new load of material is delivered to a site. Although our traditional packaging is almost entirely recyclable, this method of delivery takes sustainable packaging to a new level!

In addition to the 3,000 pound silo packaging, FBC is also available in 80 pound bags. Whether in bag or silo, the SPEC MIX system also helps eliminate the shoveling and heavy lifting associated with field mixing to reduce potential for job site injuries. By eliminating shovel work, there is no chance that a worker will produce a mix that has too much or too little sand.

FBC meets the requirements for ASTM C 926, Standard Specification for Application of Portland Cement-Based Plaster.

System warranties will be issued by BASF following the existing warranty procurement process. The durations of the single source warranties are equivalent to those systems using BASF StuccoBase as listed in our current Stucco Warranty Schedules – ranging up to 15 years, depending upon the system installed. To qualify for the BASF warranties, contractors using SPEC MIX Fiber Base Coat stucco must also use all the BASF products including finishes, PermaLath®, fluid applied water-resistant barriers and reinforced acrylic base coats as outlined in the Stucco Warranty Schedule.

The attached document, “BASF Spec Mix Program” may be used with customers to confirm how this program works.

Please note that this program does not change anything regarding our StuccoBase product line. StuccoBase products blended by the existing toll manufacturing network will remain available from BASF.

We are very excited to bring you a program that gives you access to a bulk delivery stucco solution. Contact your BASF District Sales Manager for further information on this new program.

**SPEC MIX®** is a national source for high quality, factory produced cementitious products for the construction industry. With more than 57 licensed manufacturers located in major markets across the U.S., and Canada, the SPEC MIX team utilizes computerized batching equipment and the finest materials to ensure total quality control throughout any project. SPEC MIX also offers various material delivery silo systems to maximize a contractor’s efficiency and safety rating while continuously finding new methods that contribute to sustainable building efforts.

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