



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LIME

WHAT IS LIME?

Lime is obtained by the calcination of limestone. It is used, among other things, as a binder to make paints and various coatings.

SINCE WHEN IS LIME USED?

Lime as a building material has been used since antiquity. It is certainly one of the oldest and most universal materials used by man. Lime was until the industrial revolution, the main binder of construction. Abandoned in favor of cement and synthetic paints, it has come back in force in recent years because of its exceptional properties and its great beauty.

WHAT ARE THE PROPERTIES AND QUALITIES OF LIME?

- Natural product
- Healthy and ecological
- Antiseptic
- Antifungal
- Antistatic
- Great capacity of diffusion (lets the walls breathe)
- Lively and beautiful decorative rendering
- Good thermal and phonic insulation (depending on the application of the plaster)

In terms of ecology, lime contains no petroleum-based products and requires less energy to produce than cement and synthetic products. Lime residues can even be composted.

In terms of health, lime contains no formaldehyde or VOCs and no other allergens. Thanks to its antistatic properties, the amount of dust is minimized as well as the development of dust mites. It is also naturally antifungal and is ideal for damp rooms. Lime is recommended for people suffering from allergies, multiple sensitivities and, of course, for anyone concerned about their health.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIME PAINT AND LIME PASTER?

A paint is composed of a binder (lime), a diluent (water) and pigment. For plasters, a filler is added (powdered limestone, marble powder, sand...) Generally speaking, we can say that paints, more liquid, are applied with brushes, while plasters, thicker, are applied with metal tools (trowels, knives, smoothers...) to give various effects. Several techniques and textures are possible to obtain a wide range of finishes.





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WHAT POSSIBILITIES DOES LIME OFFER IN TERMS OF DECORATION?

Lime is a natural material with multiple decorative possibilities. A wall painted simply in white will naturally give depth and transparency to your surface. You can also create original colorful decorations using earth pigments or mineral pigments. You can give a Provencal look to your dining room with a lime plaster. We will create a Moorish style bathroom with a Tadelakt. In fact, lime offers an almost infinite range of textures, shades and authentic special effects where you can often feel the hand of the craftsman giving a unique rendering.

WHAT IS TADELAKT?

Tadelakt is a high-end lime-based plaster. It is a very old Moroccan technique. It is also the traditional coating of the hammams having the great quality to resist to water. Aesthetically, it is similar to Italian stucco. This lime-based finish is not only applied on walls but also on floors, bathtubs, shower interiors, sinks, table tops, etc.

The plaster is applied with spatulas before being squeezed with a roller and then polished with Marseille soap or black soap. The shimmering surfaces of Tadelakt have an appeal that is hard to resist and hard to explain. The work with the ceramic stone makes it possible to obtain a surface which seems endowed with life: it shines naturally, it seems to undulate, because it is not rectilinear. One also obtains effects in the color which come from the gesture of the craftsman: the places where the plaster was tightened, take a deeper tint. The Tadelakt also takes different colors according to the light.

LIME-BASED TOCKAY PRODUCTS

For centuries lime has been used for both decorative and artistic work and, quite simply, for basic and maintenance work. A material that has proven itself and has multiple virtues. Our supplier has therefore taken this knowledge and developed, from these traditional recipes, products adapted to modern surfaces such as gypsum sheet. These are natural, healthy, hypoallergenic and ecological products. He is also one of the very few paint manufacturers who offer a guaranteed complete labeling which alone allows for a critical evaluation both in terms of health and ecology.

Lime is a noble material, very old and of great aesthetic beauty that has certainly been used throughout the world and history. It is only waiting to be rediscovered!

