

**TECHNICAL BULLETIN 110****USE OF ADMIXTURES IN PROPRIETARY ONE COAT STUCCO SYSTEMS**

With the wide spread use of one coat stucco system over the last few years there has been a lot of questions raised concerning the use of admixtures in these systems. The following information discusses this information.

The first thing to understand is that one coat stucco systems are not Code approved. They are considered alternates to the code and are allowed only at the discretion of the local code jurisdiction. To determine whether or not to allow the use of a specific system, the local building official consults the ICBO, BOCA, SBCCI or NES evaluation reports. The products components, fire ratings, allowable uses, etc. are all covered in these reports.

In El Rey's Fastwall ICBO ES Report, the use of an acrylic admixture (Superior Additive 200) is specifically covered. The same is true for Flexi-Rock's stucco system. Technically, admixtures are not covered by the Code for portland cement plaster except for what exists in the actual Codebook.

Admixtures in general are covered as an alternate to the Code much like one coat stucco. Some existing ICBO ES Reports include reports for fibers, plasticizers, and liquid admixtures.

Do not alter a proprietary one coat system with extra cement, lime, anti-hydro, or an acrylic admixture. It is a code violation unless it is covered in the specific stucco manufacturers evaluation report or if the admixture has its own evaluation report. If in doubt about a product's use, consult the products evaluation report or feel free to contact one of El Rey's technical departments.

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