

MTEX WASHED PEBBLES / SHANGHAI PLASTER METHOD STATEMENT

1. **Surface Preparation**

The surface must be sound and free of dirt, oil, grease, laitance, curing compounds, sealers and other contaminants. The surface to receive the **MTEX** washed pebbles or aggregates shall be good in strength with cement and sand ratio (1:3). Wet the surface before application for at least 2 – 4 hours before installation.

A light acid wash is recommended and hose off with water until surface is clean. Cracks must be repaired by crack repair specialist.

2. **Mixing**

Cement and water shall be added with the pebbles or aggregates. The mixing shall be of 4 bags of pebbles (25kg/bag) to 1 bag (50kg/bag) of ordinary Portland cement with water of approximately 20 ~ 25 litres. The mixing can be done manually or by using a mortar mixer.

Mix the above ratio by slowly adding water to it. Mix it for a few minutes until the consistency is formed.

3. **Installation**

Pour the mixture into place and apply the mixture to level with a screed level or hand trowel. Tap with a steel float and sprinkle pebbles/aggregates if the surface requires more pebbles/aggregates. When the topping can bear the weight of a person on kneeboards, lightly hose the surface with water and lightly brush the surface until the exposure of the pebbles/aggregates. Leave it to set.

On the next day or later, wash the pebbles/aggregates with an acidic liquid cleaner and hose off with water to remove the cement film. Continue the hosing until the film is no longer noticeable.

Lastly, seal the pebbles/aggregates with one coat of **MTEX Sealer**.

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