The damp-proof plaster POROVENT SYSTEM PRONTO has the following important characteristics:

- uniform macroporosity;
- low water absorption;
- chemical-physical compatibility with old underlying surfaces and plaster.

POROVENT SYSTEM PRONTO is based on the application of a damp-proofing and macro porous plaster in which the evaporation mechanism is due to the considerable macropore surface of the plaster obtained through the use of special porogenous additives and special aggregates. This surface is twenty times the specific surface of normal plaster. This aerating condition allows the plaster to let the water from capillary rising damp evaporate quicker than the humidification speed, without causing degradation due to surfacing salts.

POROVENT SYSTEM PRONTO is comprised of two products.

- **POROVENT FONDO PRONTO**
  Premixed powder containing hydraulic binders, selected aggregates and various additives. The base coat is used to improve the grip of the following layer of macroporous plaster and to put the two systems in contact with each other through suitable capillary netting. It also forms an anti-saline barrier.

- **POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO**
  Premixed powder containing a base of natural hydraulic lime and silicate-based macroporous light aggregates. It is water repellent and contains reinforcement fibres and porogenous additives. The macro pores allow POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO to limit any unappealing efflorescence phenomena and stress caused by the increase in volume due to the crystallisation of the salts. The high level of transpiration guarantees the correct elimination of excess damp.

Damp and its effects make environments unhealthy and unbearable. Capillary rising damp is a problem that often affects the walls of old and modern buildings, causing damage to mortar and brickwork. This process is caused by the capillary absorption of porous building materials in contact with subsoil water. The effects are devastating: damp walls and crumbly plaster due to the crystallisation of the salts transported by water that cause the plaster to break and come detached because of the increase in volume of the salt crystals.

Degradation of the plaster caused by salts crystallising in the micropores
METHOD OF USE

• SURFACE PREPARATION
Damp walls must have the plaster removed for approximately one metre beyond the clear sign of damp. Remove disjointed parts without any consistency, oils, release agents, salts, dust and dirt in general, by hammering, brushing and water jet cleaning. Fill any cavities with brick fragments and lime mortar. If there are high salt concentrations apply the anti-saline impregnating agent DEUMISAL (1).

• MIX PREPARATION AND APPLICATION POROVENT FONDO PRONTO
The mortar is obtained by mixing clean water with the 25 kg bag of POROVENT FONDO PRONTO in a cement mixer for the amount of time necessary to obtain a homogeneous mix (2). Apply a render coat of semi-liquid mortar on the prepared surface, which acts as an anti-saline gripping agent (3).

• MIX PREPARATION AND APPLICATION POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO
The mortar is made by mixing clean water with the 25 kg bag of POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO. Do not mix for longer than three minutes in the cement mixer (4). Apply POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO with changes while the plaster is setting.

in one hour after the mixture is ready, in one or more coats, until you reach the minimum recommended thickness of 2 cm. POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO can be applied using a trowel or with automatic spraying machines (5) such as PFT or TURBOSEL. Application does not require any particular precautions, in addition to those normally followed when laying normal plasters. The workability is such as to allow application in any architectural solution. Joints of different elements must be reinforced with special alkali-resistant fiberglass netting, which should be embedded in the surface layer of the plaster. Joints and holes in walls must be sealed-off beforehand. To respect the level and flatness of the walls, we recommend using edge guards in the corners and vertical guides on the walls.

• FINISHING
For painting, use strongly transpiring lime, silicate or siloxane based wall paints, such as BiOCALCECOLOR and SILICOLOR or decorative mineral coatings, such as DECORFINE (6).

• CONSUMPTION
7 kg/m²×0,5 cm POROVENT FONDO PRONTO 12 kg/m²×cm POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO.

• PRECAUTION
• Use cold water in the summer and water at 20°C in the winter.
• Application temperature from +5°C to +35°C.
• Do not add other materials such as bonding agents, aggregates or additives.
• In hot weather, keep the surface of the laid mortar wet, preventing the product from drying out quickly, for at least 8 hours.
• Wet the surfaces in high temperatures.
• Avoid sudden temperature changes while the plaster is setting.
• Do not add water when the mix starts to set.
• For application on smooth or not very absorbing surfaces, always foresee a rendering coat and make sure of its correct adhesion.
• In environments where there is damp caused by water infiltration, a waterproofing treatment must be applied before the plaster, with OSMOSEAL osmotic cement (see “WORK BELOW GROUND LEVEL IN THE EVENT OF GROUND WATER PENETRATION AND RISING DAMP”). For this purpose, please consult the chapter entitled “RENOVATING DAMP WALLS WITH DEHUMIDIFYING PLASTER”.
• Joints between different elements must be reinforced with special fibreglass mesh, RETINVETRO PER INTONACI, which should be embedded in the last layer of plaster.
• Store in original closed packaging in a dry place. Protect against frost and high temperatures.
**METHOD OF USE**

- **SURFACE PREPARATION**
  Remove the old plaster. Remove disjointed parts without any consistency, oils, release agents, salts, dust and dirt in general, by hammering, brushing and water jet cleaning.
  Stop any water infiltrations with BETONRAPID (1).
- **APPLICATION OF THE WATER-REPELLENT PLASTER**
  Apply IDROPLAN by hand or with a spraying machine, in a minimum layer of 1 cm (2). IDROPLAN is to be mixed with just 20% of clean water. Do not mix for more than 3-4 minutes in the cement mixer.
- **OSMOTIC WATERPROOFING**
  To prepare the mix, gradually pour the OSMOSEAL product into enough water (20%) to create a honey-consistency mortar, mixing with a low-speed drill mixer. Apply OSMOSEAL osmotic waterproofing cement using a paintbrush to apply one coat and then a second coat while the first is still wet (3).
- **MIX PREPARATION AND APPLICATION POROVENT FONDO PRONTO**
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**Technical Specifications**

- For rehabilitation is almost always carried out with a system based on the application of various products with specific functions, which together form a rehabilitation treatment “made-to-measure” for the particular building.
- This is a very important stage as a work on foundation walls in the presence of infiltrations of groundwater and capillary rising damp). For this purpose, please consult the chapter entitled “RENOVATING DAMP WALLS WITH DEHUMIDIFYING PLASTER”.
- Among the various causes of deterioration, the most important to examine in its various forms is surely damp.
- Restoration today makes up a very significant contribution to the conservation and maintenance of our enormous historical and cultural heritage, and these operations therefore take on considerable importance.

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**1. Instant setting hydraulic cement BETONRAPID**

**2. Damp-proofing plaster IDROPLAN protecting external walls against driving rain.**

**3. Waterproofing cement OSMOSEAL**

**4. Render POROVENT FONDO PRONTO**

**5. Damp-proofing plaster POROVENT INTONACO PRONTO**

**6. Finishing SILICOLOR or DECORFINE or Biocalcecolor**

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**Foundations walls in presence of infiltrations of groundwater**
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Test conditions: temperature 23±2°C, R.H. 50±5% and air speed in the test area <0.2 m/s. These figures may vary depending on the specific conditions of the worksite: temperature, humidity, ventilation, absorbency of the base coat.

(*) The stated times may be longer or shorter as the temperature decreases or increases.

Compliant with the general principles defined in EN 998-1 - Principles for evaluation of the use of products and systems.

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