

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GRANOPRIME & TRADEX LIMEBLOCK

Granoprime

Granoprime has a low viscosity so that it soaks in and binds a surface, gluing any loose surface material together and acting as an adhesion base for a highly viscous topcoat like Granoskin, Granoimpact or Granoheritage.

Because Granoprime is low viscosity and soaks in it leaves the surface unsealed.

Accordingly it has poor hold-out and top coats will soak in through it so it will not be a good choice of primer for use under normal decorative paints.

Tradex Limeblock

This would be best described as a “sealer”. It is designed not to soak in (hence the DO NOT THIN instruction) but to sit on top and form a barrier layer to prevent salts soaking out. The resin this is based on is chemically designed to be incompatible with lime so will not penetrate into cementitious surfaces even when diluted.

However, as it is acrylic, it will still bind to and allow adhesion of all types of acrylic paint. Limeblock will not go well directly to porous plaster or fibre cement surfaces as it will not penetrate even if thinned.

In practical terms, best results on a fresh plaster surface would be achieved with Granoprime for adhesion followed by Limeblock as a barrier coat.

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