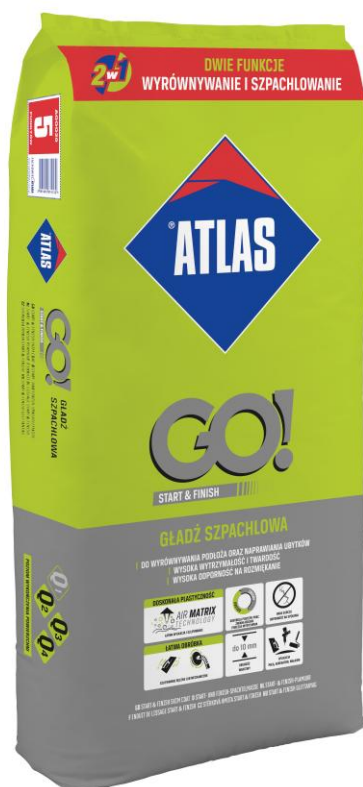
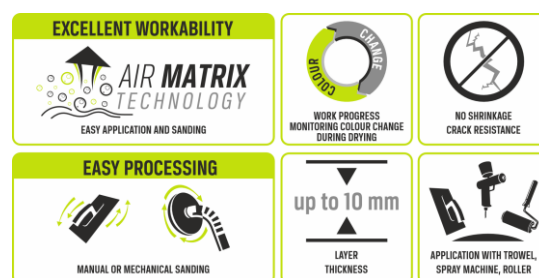




ATLAS GO! Start & Finish

skim coat

- 2-in-1 – for simultaneous filling and levelling
- for levelling substrates, repairing defects and cracks, and fixing corners
- high strength and hardness
- high resistance to softening
- increased resistance to scratches and damage
- excellent workability and ease of application, no slump
- finish quality level Q2–Q4 for plasterboard
- for multi-layer application – subsequent coats after 30 minutes
- full-surface filling: up to 5 mm
- filling with defect repair: up to 10 mm



Properties

ATLAS GO! Start & Finish is produced as a dry mix of alpha-type synthetic gypsum, mineral fillers, modifying additives and setting time regulators.

AirMatrix Technology – an advanced air matrix with a uniform and stable structure, evenly distributed throughout the mixture, provides:

- low weight,
- ease of application,
- the ability to easily fill and spread the mixture over the surface,
- quick and even drying,
- ease of sanding, resulting in a uniform and stable surface characterised by high strength and hardness.

Increased hardness and adhesion – achieved by strengthening the inter-crystalline bonds of the binders through the addition of advanced redispersible polymers.

High resistance to softening – enables the structural, mechanical and surface stability of the hardened product layer to be maintained when exposed to moisture arising from subsequent stages of work, such as further layers of skim coat, emulsion paints or thin-film decorative coatings.

Excellent workability – the product can be applied using all available application methods: trowel, roller or machine. The wide range of consistency adjustment, tailored to the preferred application method, does not compromise the product's high mechanical strength. The extended open time facilitates and streamlines application and finishing.

Start & Finish – the compound works well as both a base and a top coat. Its excellent working properties ensure complete ease of use:

- maintains high plasticity,
- reduces the formation of bubbles,
- does not roll on the surface,
- does not drag during application,
- it is easy to smooth.

The next coat can be applied after just 30 minutes using the 'wet-on-wet' method or onto a fully set previous coat.

The change in colour of the skim coat as it dries allows you to monitor the progress of the work.

The applied skim coat can be sanded mechanically, by hand or wet finishing – after initial setting, the compound is suitable for use with professional sanders fitted with appropriately selected sanding discs. The high hardness of the set skim coat reduces the risk of uncontrolled abrasion during mechanical sanding. For manual sanding, dry sanding using sandpaper or mesh with a grit size of 120–220. 'Wet' finishing using sponge pads allows the surface to be smoothed without dust, ensuring quick and clean work.

High surface quality standard:

- free from scratches and blisters,
- no craters or cracks resulting from shrinkage during drying,
- a perfectly smooth and even surface, providing an excellent base for paint and wallpaper.

Purpose

TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED	
Applying skim coat	+
Initial levelling of the substrate	+
Filling minor defects	+ (up to 10 mm)
Grouting plasterboard joints	use ATLAS STR+
Full-surface filling plasterboard	+
Level filling of plasterboard	Q2-Q4

TYPE OF FINISHES	
paint finishes	+
wallpaper	+

TYPES OF SUBSTRATES	
concrete	+
cement plasters, cement-lime plasters	+
gypsum plasters	+
plasterboard	+

Technical Data

Bulk density (dry mix)	approx. 1.00 kg/dm ³
Water to dry mix ratio	Manual application 7.6 to 10.0 l / 20 kg
	machine application 9.0–11.0 l / 20 kg
Max. thickness of a single coat	5 mm
Filling local defects (provided the fillings are covered with a final coat of finishing plaster)	10 mm
Conditions during preparation of the compound and during application	Substrate and ambient temperature from +5 °C to +25 °C Room humidity up to 80%
Working time	min. 1.0 hour

Technical requirements

ATLAS GO! Start & Finish meets the requirements of PN-EN 13279-1:2009 – gypsum finishing plaster for plastering walls and ceilings inside buildings – excluding walls, partition walls, ceilings and cladding intended to protect structures against fire and/or in fire barriers in buildings. Standard designation EN 13279 - C7/50/2.

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Intended use: general construction	
Reaction to fire	A1

Skim coat

Substrate preparation

The substrate should be:

stable – sufficiently rigid and properly seasoned. It is assumed that the seasoning time for substrates is as follows:

- for new cement plasters made from ATLAS ready-mixed plaster mortars, at least 1 week per cm of thickness,
- for concrete walls, at least 28 days,

dry

- concrete substrates: max. 3% moisture content,
- gypsum substrates, max. 1% moisture content,

even

- maximum thickness of a single layer is 5 mm,
- it is permissible to fill local defects up to 10 mm, provided the fillings are covered with a final skim coat,

cleaned - of layers that may impair the adhesion of the compound, particularly dust, dirt, lime, oils, greases, wax, and residues of oil-based and emulsion paints. If the substrate is contaminated with mould (mould-causing fungi), use ATLAS MYKOS PLUS to remove it and eliminate the cause,

primed (in the case of excessive absorbency of the substrate):

- ATLAS GRUNT NKP (ready to use – no dilution required),
- ATLAS UNI-GRUNT,
- ATLAS UNI-GRUNT ULTRA,

primed with a bonding layer (when the substrate has low absorbency or is covered with layers that reduce adhesion):

- ATLAS ULTRAGRUNT,
- ATLAS GRUNTO-PLAST.

In addition, all steel components that may come into contact with the compound should be protected against corrosion.

Preparation of the compound

Pour the material from the bag into a container of clean water, using the proportions specified in the Technical Data, depending on the intended method of application (compound for machine application should be prepared with the maximum recommended amount of water). Leave for approx. 5 minutes to allow the gypsum to absorb the water naturally. Mix by hand or mechanically (using a drill with a gypsum mixer) until a uniform, lump-free mixture is obtained. Once prepared, the mixture must be used within approx. 1 hour.

Application of the skim coat

The compound can be applied by hand (using stainless steel tools or a roller) or by machine. Special finishing knives with a flexible blade are made from thinner sheet metal than a trowel or long putty knife, which allows for better adaptation to the surface. This enables a smoother finish, recommended for high-quality requirements such as Q4 grade.

APPLICATION WITH A TROWEL.

It is recommended to use a smooth stainless steel trowel. Apply the compound to walls in strips from floor to ceiling, moving the trowel from bottom to top. For ceilings, apply the compound in strips from the window towards the centre of the room, pulling the trowel 'towards you'. As work progresses, the surface should be smoothed out gradually.

APPLICATION WITH A ROLLER.

Apply the compound using a roller, spreading it evenly across the substrate. A roller with a Scotch-Brite-type cover is recommended, e.g. Rollo Finish ATLAS. Smooth the applied layer with a stainless steel trowel immediately after application.

MACHINE APPLICATION.

Spray the compound by moving the machine's spray lance at a distance of 1–1.5 m from the substrate, in horizontal, overlapping strips. If there is a break in application lasting more than 1 hour, the hopper and feed system must be thoroughly cleaned and rinsed with clean water. Immediately after spraying, level the surface using a stainless steel trowel.

For mechanical application, machines designed for filling compounds are recommended, in accordance with their specifications.

Dust-free surface treatment

Dust-free surface finishing can be carried out once the skim coat has set. Moisten the surface to be finished with water using a spray bottle and smooth it using circular movements with a rubber sponge trowel until the desired smoothness is achieved.

Sanding the skim coat

Once dry, the compound is suitable for sanding with professional sanders fitted with appropriately selected sanding discs. The compound is also suitable for traditional finishing, where minor irregularities can be removed by hand using appropriately selected sandpaper or a sanding mesh. Any resulting imperfections should be filled again with a thin layer of filler (applied to a previously moistened substrate) and sanded. Recommended sandpaper grit: 150–220.

Finishing work

Before proceeding with further finishing work, the skim coat surface must be thoroughly cleaned of dust. To bind any remaining dust and to strengthen the substrate, apply ATLAS NKP, ATLAS UNI-GRUNT or ATLAS UNI-GRUNT ULTRA primer to the smoothed surface, following the instructions in the product data sheets. Wallpapering or painting may begin once the skim coat has dried. Acrylic paints (e.g. ATLAS ecoFARBA) or latex paints (e.g. ATLAS optiFARBA or ATLAS proFARBA) or other emulsion paints may be used for painting. Before painting, the finished skim coat must be primed with a product recommended by the paint manufacturer, e.g. ATLAS PRIMER.

Consumption

On average, approx. 0.8 kg of product is used per 1 m² per 1 mm of layer thickness.

Packaging

Plastic sacks: 20 kg.

Safety information

Safety information is provided on the product packaging and in the Safety Data Sheet, available at www.atlas.com.pl.

Storage and transport

Information on storage and transport is provided on the product packaging and in the Safety Data Sheet, available at www.atlas.com.pl.

The product's shelf life is 12 months from the date of manufacture shown on the packaging – for the product in plastic bags.

Important additional information

The mixture should be prepared in clean containers (residues of set plaster reduce the setting time of fresh plaster mixture).

The consistency of the compound used for filling cavities should be thicker than that used for skim coats.

Gypsum finishes must not be applied to substrates exposed to direct contact with water.

Plaster finishes should not be applied in bathrooms, laundry rooms and other rooms where the relative humidity exceeds 70% for prolonged periods.

While the skim coat is drying, avoid direct sunlight and draughts, and ensure proper ventilation and airing of the rooms.

Tools should be cleaned with clean water immediately after use.

The information contained in this Technical Data Sheet constitutes basic guidelines for the use of the product and does not exempt the user from the obligation to carry out work in accordance with good building practice and health and safety regulations. With the publication of this Technical Data Sheet, all previous versions are superseded. Documents accompanying the product are available at www.atlas.com.pl.

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