



# TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

## Soft Distemper

RJ 4.01

### Description:

A traditional matt decorative paint based on natural gelatin binder and fine chalk. Artists quality earth and natural powder pigments provide matchless purity and quality of colour. A permeable paint suitable for use in older buildings. Much of the charm of distemper is the lack of uniformity with subtle variations of colour and tone.

### Environmental Considerations:

Soft Distemper is an environmentally friendly product made with natural sustainable ingredients. It contains no VOCs, no petrochemical based ingredients, and no lead. Water-based. All Rose of Jericho paints comply with the latest environmental legislation.

### Usage/Colours:

To be used for the decoration of ceilings and walls in low-traffic areas, and particularly appropriate for the decoration of fine decorative plasterwork. For interior use only. Porous surfaces should be primed with Claircolle (RJ 4.05). Soft Distemper applied to appropriate surfaces does not readily rub-off on clothes. It is not as wipeable as Casein Bound Distemper (RJ 4.02), Oil Bound Distemper (RJ 4.03) or modern vinyl emulsion paints. Distempers should not be over-painted with emulsion or other modern paint types.

### Colours:

Available in all colours plus white. Please see our website for more details. Colour matching service available.

### Availability:

2.5 and 5 litre cans. Soft Distemper is made to order.

### Shelf Life:

Limited. Unopened cans have c.12 week shelf life when stored in a cool environment. Best used within 4 weeks of purchase. Protect from frost.

### Fire Rating:

Non-Flammable.

### Composition:

Calcium carbonate or kaolin in gelatin dispersion. Solvent: Water. Light-fast natural powder pigments. Soft Distemper contains an in-can preservative and a dry-film protective fungicide.



**Performance:**

Drying: In good drying conditions: Touch dry in 4 hours. Allow 12 hours between coats.

**Limitations:**

Do not apply in temperatures below 5°C or above 25°C.  
DO NOT use on surfaces previously painted with oil-based paints.

**Health & Safety Information:**

Detailed information is provided in Safety Data Sheet RJ 5.04B.  
Those engaged in the use and application of this product must ensure they read this Safety Data sheet.

**Preparation:**

All surfaces should be sound, dry, and free from dirt, oil, grease or other contamination. Previously distempered surfaces should be wiped/washed free of all powdery surface material. Porous surfaces should be primed with one coat of Claircolle. New lime plaster should be allowed to carbonate and dry for at least four weeks prior to application.

Any fungus or mould must be treated with a fungicide and making good and filling should be carried out with a material appropriate to the substrate.

Soft Distemper can be applied to prepared previously emulsion painted surfaces in dry, heated, ventilated domestic environments. It is not recommended that distemper be applied to emulsion and other modern paint types in poorly heated and poorly ventilated buildings including churches. Seek Technical Advice.

Sample trials should be carried out well in advance to ensure that the surface is suitable for application.

**Application:**

Two coats normally recommended. Apply by brush. Cannot be spray or roller applied.

Soft Distemper is a thick gel that brushes out readily, and thinning should not be necessary for primed or previously painted surfaces. Soft Distemper is temperature sensitive and will thicken in cold conditions. It can be returned to the correct consistency by placing in a warm room or standing the can in a bucket of hot water. Stirring with a mechanical whisk can be advantageous for application to certain surfaces, as can light mist-spraying of the surface prior to application. Only if absolutely necessary dilute by no more than 10% water and whisk thoroughly. Brushes and equipment should be cleaned with warm, soapy water immediately after use.



**Coverage:** c.10 m<sup>2</sup>/ litre/coat on smooth surface of average porosity.

**Technical Advice:** Product and Health and Safety data can be printed from our website: [www.roseofjericho.co.uk](http://www.roseofjericho.co.uk). Further assistance is available from our Technical Department on 01935 83676.

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