

# MAINTENANCE GUIDE



Instructions for cleaning and maintaining surfaces finished with UKU clay products

## Dry Cleaning

Regular maintenance of ceilings and walls begins with removing dust using a soft brush. Ensure that no metal or hard attachment parts of the brush come into contact with the finished surface.

Proceed as follows:

- Always start with dry cleaning to remove loose dirt.
- Use a soft brush to avoid damaging the clay surface.
- Clean from cleaner areas toward dirtier areas to prevent spreading dust and dirt.

## Spot repairs

For minor surface damage and scratches, use material from the same production batch.

- Always keep a small amount of powder from the original batch used for the finish to avoid color differences. Depending on the finish, the repaired area may still vary slightly in tone.
- For small damages, mix a small amount of powder with water and gently dab it onto the damaged area using a fine brush. If necessary, blend the repair into the surrounding surface.
- Allow the repaired area to dry completely before evaluating the final appearance.

## Properties and limitations

- Untreated clay finishes are not washable. Clay plastered or painted surfaces must not be washed with water, as excessive moisture softens the clay, may cause color changes, and can result in a patchy appearance after drying.
- Avoid oil and other liquids, as clay absorbs them easily and they are difficult to remove.

## Cleaning stained surfaces

- First attempt to clean the surface with a soft brush or dry cloth.
- Smooth surfaces treated with UKU finishing primer or wax may be carefully wiped with a slightly damp cloth. Avoid excessive rubbing and the use of too much water.
- If the stain cannot be completely removed, reapply the same material to the affected area.

By following these guidelines, you will keep your clay-finished surfaces clean and beautiful, prevent unnecessary damage, and preserve their natural, breathable appearance.