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STOARMAT MIRAL RENDER SYSTEMS

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Technical Assessments of products for building and construction.



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Product

The StoArmat Miral Render Systems consist of the StoArmat Miral Render System and the Sto Miral Render System. The StoArmat Miral Render System is a fiberglass mesh-reinforced, synthetic resin solid render. This is for use over a solid backing of concrete masonry, clay brick veneer, in-situ or pre-cast concrete, autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) block and EPS block. The Sto Miral Render System is a fibreglass mesh-reinforced, mineral, solid render for use over clay brick veneer.

Scope

- 2.1 The StoArmat Miral Render Systems have been appraised as solid render systems for buildings within the following scope:
 - · with substrates of concrete masonry, in-situ or pre-cast concrete, AAC block and EPS block up to three storeys, with a maximum height from ground to eaves of 10 m (StoArmat Miral Render System); and,
 - · with substrates of clay brick veneer designed and constructed in accordance with the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, NZS 4210 and NZS 4229 (StoArmat Miral Render System and Sto Miral Render System); and,
 - · with floor plan area limited only by seismic and structural control joints; and,
 - · with supporting structures designed and constructed in accordance with the NZBC; and,
 - situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including, Extra High.
- 2.2 The Sto Armat Miral Render System has also been appraised for bond, durability and weathertightness of the render system for concrete masonry, in-situ or pre-cast concrete, AAC block and EPS block for buildings subject to specific design with no building height or wind exposure restriction.
- 2.3 The StoArmat Miral Render System must only be applied on vertical surfaces, except for sills, concrete reinforced parapets and concrete reinforced balustrades, which must have a minimum 10° slope and be waterproofed in accordance with the requirements of the Technical Literature and building designer. The Sto Miral Render System must only be applied on vertical surfaces except for sills, which must have a minimum 10° slope and be waterproofed in accordance with the requirements of the Technical Literature and building designer.
- 2.4 The StoArmat Miral Render Systems, for use on buildings within the scope detailed in Paragraph 2.1, are appraised for use with aluminium window and door joinery that is installed with vertical jambs and horizontal heads and sills. [Note: The Appraisal of the StoArmat Miral Render Systems relies on the joinery meeting the requirements of NZS 4211 for the relevant Wind Zone.]
- 2.5 Installation of components and accessories supplied by Stoanz Limited and Stoanz Limited registered contractors must be carried out only by Stoanz Limited registered contractors.



Building Regulations

New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

In the opinion of BRANZ, the StoArmat Miral Render Systems, if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet or contribute to meeting the following provisions of the NZBC:

Clause B2 DURABILITY: Performance B2.3.1 (b) 15 years, B2.3.1 (c) 5 years and B2.3.2. The StoArmat Miral Render Systems meet these requirements. See Paragraph 9.1.

Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE: Performance E2.3.2. The StoArmat Miral Render Systems meet this requirement. See Paragraphs 13.1-13.3.

Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS: Performance F2.3.1. The StoArmat Miral Render Systems meet this requirement.

Technical Specification

- 4.1 The StoArmat Miral Render System consists of a nominal 5-8 mm thickness of polystyrene beadsaturated, polymer-modified, cement-based levelling render applied to the concrete masonry, clay brick veneer, prepared in-situ or pre-cast concrete, AAC block or EPS block substrate, a 2.5-3 mm thick coat of fibreglass mesh reinforced synthetic resin render, and an approximate 1-3 mm (as selected) thick coat of coloured finish render. The render system is finished with a Sto coating.
- 4.2 The Sto Miral Render System consists of a nominal 5-8 mm thickness of polystyrene bead-saturated, polymer-modified, cement-based levelling render applied to the clay brick veneer substrate, a sealer and an approximate 1-3 mm (as selected) thick coat of coloured finish render. The render is coated with a StoColor facade paint.
- 4.3 System components and accessories supplied by Stoanz Limited for the StoArmat Miral Render Systems are:

StoArmat Miral Renders

- StoLevell Novo is a polymer-modified, lightweight, cement-based render supplied in 15 kg bags and mixed on-site with clean water. It is pump or trowel-applied as a base coat in a nominal 5-8 mm thick layer.
- LevelLite is a polymer-modified, cement-based render comprising coarse sand, polypropylene fibres, polystyrene beads and adhesives, supplied in 20 kg bags and mixed on-site with clean water. It is pump or trowel-applied as a base coat in a nominal 5-8 mm thick layer.
- Multiscreed is a cement-based adhesive render comprising graded sand, white cement, lime, fibres and additives, supplied in 25 kg bags and mixed on-site with clean water. It is pump or trowel-applied as a base coat in a nominal 5-8 mm thick layer.
- StoArmat Classic is a plasticiser-free, tintable, ready-to-use, polymer-modified, cement-free
 reinforcement render comprising granulated quartz sands, calibration grain, polypropylene
 fibre and additives. It is supplied in 23 kg pails, and after diluting with water as necessary and
 mixing, is ready for use. It is trowel-applied in a 2 mm thick layer followed by the embedment of
 fibreglass mesh reinforcement in the outer surface. Once dry, a further coat of StoArmat Classic
 approximately 1 mm thick is applied to cover the mesh and leave a flat, even surface.
- Stolit K is a plasticiser-free, tintable, ready-to-use, polymer-modified, cement-free finishing render with a 1, 1.5, 2 or 3 mm grain size. It is supplied in 25 kg pails and is trowel-applied to an approximate thickness of 1-3 mm, gauging to the thickness of the aggregate size.
- Stolit MP and MP Natural are plasticiser-free, tintable, ready-to-use, polymer-modified, cement-free finishing renders. They are supplied in 25 kg pails, are trowel-applied in two coats and are either float finished, or lightly sponged to the selected pattern.
- Stolit Milano is a smooth, plasticiser-free tintable, ready-to-use, polymer-modified, cement-free finishing render. It is supplied in 25 kg pails, is trowel-applied in two coats and is either steel troweled, floated, or lightly randomly sponged to the selected pattern.
- Sto Flexyl is a cementitious waterproof paste. It is mixed on site with a 1:1 ratio of fresh cement and is used as a waterproofing membrane over rendered reinforced concrete balustrades and parapets, window and door joinery sills and rebates. Sto Flexyl is supplied in 18 kg pails.



Sto Miral Renders

- StoLevell Novo is a polymer-modified, lightweight, cement-based render supplied in 15 kg bags
 and mixed on-site with clean water. It is pump or trowel-applied as a base coat in a minimum
 3 mm thick layer followed by the embedment of fibreglass mesh in the outer surface. An
 additional 2 mm layer is applied to fully encase the mesh.
- Multiscreed is a cement-based adhesive render comprising graded sand, white cement, lime, fibres and additives, supplied in 25 kg bags and mixed on-site with clean water. It is used as a base coat in a minimum 3 mm thick layer, followed by the embedment of fibreglass mesh in the outer surface. An additional 2 mm layer is applied to fully encase the mesh.
- StoPoren is a polymer-modified, white cement-based render comprising graded sand and adhesives, supplied in 25 kg bags and mixed on-site with clean water. It is pump or trowel-applied as a base coat in a minimum 3 mm thick layer followed by the embedment of fibreglass mesh in the outer surface. An additional 2 mm layer is applied to fully encase the mesh.
- Stolit K is a plasticiser-free, tintable, ready-to-use, polymer-modified, cement-free finishing render with a 1, 1.5, 2 or 3 mm grain size. It is supplied in 25 kg pails and is trowel-applied to an approximate thickness of 1-3 mm, gauging to the thickness of the aggregate size.
- Sto Flexyl is a cementitious waterproof paste. It is mixed on site with a 1:1 ratio of fresh cement and is used where required as a waterproofing membrane. Sto Flexyl is supplied in 18 kg pails.

Primer

Stoplex W is a yellow tinted, ready-to-use, acrylic-based primer available in 10 L containers. It is
used as a primer coat over the cured StoLevell Novo, Multiscreed or StoPoren render base coat
in the StoMiral Render System, and the StoLevell Novo base coat in the StoArmat Miral Render
System.

StoColor Paints and Clear Sealers

- StoColor Maxicryl is a ready-to-use, tintable, matt, acrylic exterior paint for application over finishing renders. It is supplied in 15 L pails, and may be brush, roller or spray-applied. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over EPS block, the paint colour selected must have a light reflectance value (LRV) of 25% minimum. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over concrete masonry, clay brick veneer, in-situ or pre-cast concrete or AAC blocks, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 20% minimum. Where the StoMiral Render System is used over clay brick veneer, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 25% minimum.
- StoColor Lotusan is a ready-to-use, tintable, special dirt and algae resistant mineral silicone resin exterior paint for application over finishing renders. It is supplied in 15 L pails, and may be brush, roller or spray-applied. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over EPS block, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 25% minimum. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over concrete masonry, clay brick veneer, in-situ or pre-cast concrete or AAC blocks, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 20% minimum. Where the StoMiral Render System is used over clay brick veneer, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 25% minimum.
- StoColor Lastic is a ready-to-use, tintable, satin matt, acrylic exterior paint for application over finishing renders. It is supplied in 15 L pails, and may be brush, roller or spray-applied. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over EPS block, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 25% minimum. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over concrete masonry, clay brick veneer, in-situ or pre-cast concrete or AAC blocks, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 20% minimum. Where the StoMiral Render System is used over clay brick veneer, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 25% minimum.
- StoColor X-Black is a ready-to-use, tintable, matt, heat reflective acrylic exterior paint for application over finishing renders. It is supplied in 15 L pails, and may be brush, roller or sprayapplied. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over EPS block, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 10% minimum. Where the StoArmat Render System is used over concrete masonry, clay brick veneer, in-situ or pre-cast concrete or AAC blocks, there is no minimum LRV. Where the StoMiral Render System is used over clay brick veneer, the paint colour selected must have an LRV of 10% minimum.

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- S-Protect SC is an invisible, silane-based, hydrophobic sealer for application over Stolit MP, MP Natural and Milano finishing renders. It is supplied in 10 and 20 L pails, and is applied in a flood coat using a low pressure sprayer and Sto block brush.
- **StoPur WV200** is a two-component PUR, water-based, matt transparent sealer for application over Stolit Milano finishing render. It is applied by brush and Sto Micro roller.

Accessories

- Reinforcing mesh alkali-resistant fibreglass mesh with a nominal mesh size of approximately 7×7 mm or 4×4 mm and an approximate weight of 165 g/m^2 .
- uPVC components drip edge and control joint flashings.
- Sto pre-meshed corner beads uPVC and fibreglass mesh corner mouldings.
- Sto Joint Sealing Tape 2D black, compressed polyurethane foam. The foam is coated on one side with a pressure sensitive adhesive, which is covered by a release paper. The tape is available 2 and 5 mm thick, expanding to maximum 6 and 12 mm thick after installation, and is supplied in rolls 15 mm wide and 18 and 9 m long respectively.
- 4.4 Accessories used with the systems which are supplied by the Stoanz Limited registered contractor are:
 - Flexible sealant sealant complying with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, or sealant covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal for use as a weather sealing sealant for exterior use.
- 4.5 Accessories used with the systems which are supplied by the building contractor are:
 - Window and door trim cavity air seals air seals complying with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.6, or self-expanding, moisture cure polyurethane foam air seals covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal for use around window, door and other wall penetration openings.

Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Handling and storage of all materials supplied by Stoanz Limited or the Sto registered contractor, whether on-site or off-site, is under the control of the Stoanz Limited registered contractor. Dry storage must be provided on-site for the fibreglass mesh and bags and pails of render mix. uPVC flashings and profiles must be protected from direct sunlight and physical damage, and should be stored flat and under cover. Liquid components must be stored in frost-free conditions.
- 5.2 Handling and storage of all materials supplied by the building contractor, whether on-site or off-site, is under the control of the building contractor. Materials must be handled and stored in accordance with the relevant manufacturer's instructions.
- 5.3 Render must be used within the designated shelf life from the date of manufacture.

Technical Literature

Refer to the Appraisals listing on the BRANZ website for details of the current Technical Literature for the StoArmat Miral Render Systems. The Technical Literature must be read in conjunction with this Appraisal. All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

Design Information

Solid Substrates

Concrete Masonry

7.1 Concrete masonry must be designed and constructed in accordance with NZS 4210 and either NZS 4229 or AS/NZS 1170.

In-situ and Precast Reinforced Concrete

7.2 In-situ and precast reinforced concrete walls must be specifically designed in accordance with NZS 3101 and AS/NZS 1170 using the design quidelines.



Clay Brick Veneer

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7.3 Clay brick veneer must be designed and constructed in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, NZS 4210 and NZS 4229. Ventilation and drainage opening requirements must be adhered to.

EPS Block

7.4 EPS block construction must be specifically designed in accordance with NZS 3101 and AS/NZS 1170 using the design guidelines.

AAC Block

7.5 AAC block construction must be specifically designed and constructed to meet the performance requirements of the NZBC. AAC blocks must be manufactured in accordance with ASTM C 1386.

Control Joints

- 8.1 Control joints in the StoArmat Miral and Sto Miral Render Systems must be constructed in accordance with the Technical Literature, and be provided as follows:
 - · aligned with any control joint in the solid substrate; and,
 - · where the system covers different solid substrates.

Durability

9.1 The StoArmat Miral Render Systems meet the performance requirements of NZBC Clause B2.3.1 (b) 15 years for the render finishes, and the performance requirements of NZBC Clause B2.3.1 (c) 5 years for the Sto coating system.

Serviceable Life

9.2 StoArmat Miral and Sto Miral render system installations are expected to have a serviceable life of at least 15 years, provided they are maintained in accordance with this Appraisal and the NZBC external moisture and internal moisture provisions are met.

Maintenance

- 10.1 Regular maintenance is essential for the StoArmat Miral and Sto Miral Render System installations to continue to meet the NZBC durability performance provision and to maximise their serviceable life.
- 10.2 Annual inspections must be made to ensure that all aspects of the render and coating system remain in a weatherproof condition. Any damaged areas, or areas showing signs of deterioration which would allow water ingress, must be repaired immediately. Sealant, coatings or the render system must be repaired in accordance with the relevant manufacturer's instructions. Any damage to the substrate must be repaired and the advice of the substrate manufacturer must be sought.
- 10.3 Regular cleaning (at least annually) of the StoArmat Miral Render Systems is required to remove grime, dirt and organic growth and to maximise the life and appearance of the coating. Grime may be removed by brushing with a soft brush, warm water and detergent.
- 10.4 Recoating of the paint system will be necessary throughout the life of the render system. The interval between recoats depends on the paint colour, orientation and quality of the application, and will be at approximately 8-10 yearly intervals in accordance with the instructions of Stoanz Limited. Clear sealer systems require recoating at 5-7 yearly intervals.

Control of External Fire Spread

Vertical Fire Spread

11.1 This Appraisal only covers buildings 10 m or less in height. NZBC Functional Requirement C3.2 identifies that external vertical fire spread to upper floors only needs be considered for buildings with a building height greater than 10 m. Control of external vertical fire spread is therefore outside the scope of this Appraisal.



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Horizontal Fire Spread

- 11.2 The StoArmat Miral Render System exterior surface finishes have a peak heat release rate of less than 100 kw/m² and a total heat released of less than 25 MJ/m². Testing was carried out as per Paragraph 5.4 of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 and Paragraph 5.8.1 of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2, achieving a Type A performance. The StoArmat Miral Render System can therefore be used within 1 m of the relevant boundary.
- 11.3 Refer to NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1 and C/AS2 and NZBC Verification Method C/VM2 for fire resistance rating and control of external fire spread requirements for external walls.

Prevention of Fire Occurring

12.1 Separation or protection must be provided to the StoArmat Miral Render Systems from heat sources such as fireplaces, heating appliances and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Verification Method C/VM1 and Acceptable Solution C/AS1, and NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

External Moisture

- 13.1 The StoArmat Miral Render Systems, when installed in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature, prevents the penetration of moisture that could cause undue dampness or damage to building elements.
- 13.2 The StoArmat Miral Render Systems allow excess moisture present at the completion of construction to be dissipated without permanent damage to building elements to meet the performance requirements of NZBC Clause E2.3.6.
- 13.3 The details given in the Technical Literature for weather sealing are based on the design principle of having a first and second line of defence against moisture entry for all joints, penetrations and junctions. The ingress of moisture must be excluded by detailing joinery and wall interfaces as shown in the Technical Literature. Weathertightness details that are developed by the designer are outside the scope of this Appraisal and are the responsibility of the designer for compliance with the NZBC.

Installation Information

Installation Skill Level Requirements

- 14.1 Installation and finishing of components and accessories supplied by Stoanz Limited and the Stoanz Limited registered contractor must only be completed by Stoanz Limited registered contractors.
- 14.2 Installation of the accessories supplied by the building contractor must be carried out in accordance with the StoArmat Miral Render Systems Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) with the relevant Licence Class.

System Installation

StoArmat Miral Render Systems

- 15.1 Components and accessories supplied by Stoanz Limited and the registered contractor must be installed in accordance with the Technical Literature by Stoanz Limited registered contractors.
- 15.2 The StoArmat Miral Render Systems must only be applied when the air and substrate temperature is within the range of 5-30°C.

Inspections

15.3 The Technical Literature must be referred to during the inspection of the StoArmat Miral Render Systems installations.

Health and Safety

Safe use and handling procedures for the components that make up the StoArmat Miral Render Systems are provided in the relevant manufacturer's Technical Literature.



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Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

Tests

- 17.1 The following testing has been completed by BRANZ:
 - Durability testing of the Sto Flexyl waterproofing membrane to the requirements of AS/NZS 4858,
 Table 8, Parts [a]–[e], except that bleach and detergent immersion set out in Appendix A was not required.
 - Tensile bond strength of the Sto LevelLite render to EPS.
 - Tensile bond strength of the StoArmat Miral Render System to AAC block.

Investigations

- 18.1 Durability and weathertightness opinions have been given by BRANZ technical experts.
- 18.2 Site inspections have been carried out by BRANZ to assess the practicability of installation, and to examine completed installations.
- 18.3 The Technical Literature for the StoArmat Miral Render Systems has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Quality

- 19.1 The manufacture of the Sto renders and finishes has not been examined by BRANZ, but details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory. The quality management system of the manufacturer, Sto SE & Co. KGaA, has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of ISO 9001.
- 19.2 The environmental management system of Sto SE & Co. KGaA has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of ISO 14001.
- 19.3 The manufacture of the LevelLite base render has been examined by BRANZ, including methods adopted for quality control. Details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory. The quality control system of the LevelLite render manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of the Telarc Q-Based Code.
- 19.4 Sto External Wall Insulation Systems are the subject of a current British Board of Agrément (BBA) Certificate No 95/3132 and the manufacture of the systems continues to be checked by the BBA during the validity period of the Certificate. Renders and paints used within the StoArmat Miral Render Systems and imported by Stoanz Limited are covered by the BBA Certificate.
- 19.5 The quality of materials, components and accessories supplied by Stoanz Limited are the responsibility of Stoanz Limited.
- 19.6 Quality on-site is the responsibility of the Stoanz Limited registered contractor.
- 19.7 Designers are responsible for the building design, and building contractors are responsible for the quality of construction and installation of the solid substrates, joinery, flashing tapes, air seals and joinery flashings in accordance with the instructions of the building designer.
- 19.8 Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of the StoArmat Miral Render Systems in accordance with the instructions of Stoanz Limited.

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Sources of Information

- ASTM C1386-98 Standard Specification for Precast Autoclaved Aerated Concrete [PAAC] Wall Construction Units.
- AS/NZS 1170:2002 Structural design action General principles.
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- NZS 3101:2006 Concrete structures standard.
- NZS 4210:2001 Masonry construction: Materials and workmanship.
- NZS 4229:2013 Concrete masonry buildings not requiring specific engineering design.
- NZS 4230:2004 Design of reinforced concrete masonry structures.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.

Amendments

Amendment No. 1, dated 03 September 2021

This Appraisal has been amended to reflect building code updates relating to fire.

Amendment No. 2, dated 22 November 2021

This Appraisal has been amended to update the wording in the NZBC Clause E2 section of the Building Regulations and the External Moisture paragraphs.





In the opinion of BRANZ, StoArmat Miral Render Systems are fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided they are used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to Stoanz Limited, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

Conditions of Appraisal

- 1. This Appraisal:
 - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
 - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
 - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
 - d) is copyright of BRANZ.

2. Stoanz Limited:

- a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
- b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
- c] abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
- d) warrants that the product and the manufacturing process for the product are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ pursuant to BRANZ's Appraisal of the product.
- 3. BRANZ makes no representation or warranty as to:
 - a) the nature of individual examples of, batches of, or individual installations of the product, including methods and workmanship;
 - b) the presence or absence of any patent or similar rights subsisting in the product or any other product;
 - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by Stoanz Limited.
- 4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
- BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to Stoanz Limited or any third party.

For BRANZ

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