

Weather Restrictions: Masonry based weather proofing coatings (parging)

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Pargings, like stucco, on the outside of the house are not "waterproof" coatings but "weatherproof" coatings -- an important distinction. Like most sidings they are designed to shed rain, protect the wall from mechanical damage and the UV rays of the sun. Like most sidings they must allow moisture to escape from the wall and in the case of stucco that is by having a material that is quite permeable. Waterproof stucco, or efforts at total face seals on the outside of the house, generally cause moisture and rot problems in the Canadian climate. So before even beginning to study masonry coatings, I would suggest a bit of a study to understand WHAT IS A RAINSCREEN WALL? and RAINSCREEN DETAILING. Many of the tips for WORKING WITH MORTAR IN HOT & COLD WEATHER apply to stucco as well. Don't miss the reasoning behind the warning: NEVER ADD SOAP TO A STUCCO MIXTURE.

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