

be composed of 100 pounds (45.4 kg) of neat gypsum plaster and a maximum of 200 pounds (90.8 kg) of graded white sand. A factory-prepared bedding coat for interior or exterior use is permitted. The bedding coat for exterior surfaces shall have a minimum compressive strength of 1,000 pounds per square inch (psi) (6895 kPa).

**2513.4 Application.** The bedding coat is permitted to be applied directly over the first (scratch) coat of plaster, provided the ultimate overall thickness is a minimum of  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch (22 mm), including lath. Over concrete or masonry surfaces, the overall thickness shall be a minimum of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (12.7 mm).

**2513.5 Bases.** Exposed aggregate plaster is permitted to be applied over concrete, masonry, cement plaster base coats or gypsum plaster base coats installed in accordance with Section 2511 or 2512.

**2513.6 Preparation of masonry and concrete.** Masonry and concrete surfaces shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 2510.7.

**2513.7 Curing of base coats.** Cement plaster base coats shall be cured in accordance with ASTM C 926. Cement plaster bedding coats shall retain sufficient moisture for hydration (hardening) for 24 hours minimum or, where necessary, shall be kept damp for 24 hours by light water spraying.