# USG Wall & Ceiling Spray Textures

# Texture Equipment Cleaning Recommendations

The following maintenance procedure should help to eliminate texture spoilage issues when used on a regular basis or as needed when changes in temperature and humidity increase the potential for bacterial growth. Any time texture equipment begins to smell sour or has an odor that is not common to freshly mixed texture products, this procedure should be implemented.

**Note:** Proper personal protective equipment including eye protection, rubber gloves and long sleeves are recommended when performing this procedure. Always follow and understand the equipment manufacturer's cleaning recommendations prior to implementing the procedure below.

#### **Procedure**

- 1. Pump or spray out any texture material remaining in the equipment. (see disposal note below)
- 2. Using clean water and a spray nozzle such as a garden hose type, thoroughly rinse mixing tank, lid, grates, etc., making sure all mixing paddles shafts, sides of tanks, and all areas that collect texture build-up are clean.
- 3. Pump or spray this material, and rinse water out of the rig or equipment while continuing to add clean water until clean or clear water is obtained from the spray gun. (see disposal note below)
- 4. After rig or equipment is emptied, add a mixture of clean water and standard household bleach (Sodium Hypochlorite 5.25-6.15 %) at a 90% water, 10% bleach ratio. This would be 1/2 gallon bleach, added to 4 1/2 gallons of water, or 1 gallon bleach added to 9 gallons of water, etc. This should be mixed well prior to pumping through the rig or equipment to properly disinfect or kill bacteria in the equipment. (initial solution pumped through equipment should be discarded until no traces of texture material or cloudy solution are seen, see disposal note below)
- 5. Once clean water/bleach solution (no signs of texture residue or material) is achieved at the spray nozzle or hose end, this solution should be recycled through the equipment, making sure to spray all inner surfaces of the mixing tank or vessel, for 15-20 minutes. This solution should be drained from equipment and hoses prior to mixing texture (see disposal note below). After the chlorine mixture is cycled through the equipment, rinse thoroughly with clean potable water for an additional two or three full cycles.

**Disposal Note:** Disposal-Always follow local jurisdiction regulations for proper disposal of all waste texture, rinse water and sanitizing water.

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