



## MAINTENANCE OF SPRAY TEXTURE EQUIPMENT

Proper maintenance of spray equipment is essential to prevent spoilage of the texture mix and the resulting odor or discoloration problems. This is particularly true in warm weather which promotes or increases bacterial growth. Following are our recommendations for maintenance:

- 1) Texture mix should not be left in the tanks for prolonged periods of time. It is more desirable to dispose of left over material than attempt to correct odor or discoloration problems on a finished product.
- 2) Tanks and hoses should be flushed with clean water on a regular basis. As an added precaution, flushing with a 3% solution of bleach (3 gallons of bleach per 100 gallons of water) is recommended.
- 3) Stainless steel tanks are highly recommended. They inhibit the pitting and rust experienced in regular carbon steel tanks that provides bacteria a good place to hide, but it does not kill or prohibit bacteria.
- 4) Do not spray material which has an offensive odor, is discolored, or foamy. Again, disposing of the material is less expensive than fixing the problem.
- 5) If an odor, foaminess, or discoloration is detected, the material should be disposed of and the tanks disinfected. A bleach solution of 5% is recommended (5 gallons of chlorine bleach to 100 gallons of tank capacity) for this purpose. Flush tanks and hoses with clean water, fill tank, add bleach, and circulate the solution through the hoses into the tank for 5 minutes. Allow the equipment to sit for 12 to 24 hours, pump out the solution and flush with clean water.

**NOTE: For proper disposal, contact your local government agency to conform to all applicable regulations.**

If a continuing problem is encountered, please contact your local Hamilton sales representative or our office.

Hamilton Drywall Products makes every effort to produce the highest quality products available to the professional texture contractor. You are assured that our spray materials, when applied as recommended, with clean and well maintained equipment, will provide excellent results.