



Vermiculite Painting Services

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Vermiculite ceilings identified as possible health hazard

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Vermiculite is the term used to describe the dull, textured “popcorn” ceilings found in many apartment blocks built in the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s. During this period, vermiculite was considered an easy solution for filling in the uneven surfaces of concrete ceilings. It was also cheap and had excellent sound and fire-proofing qualities.

Today though, unit owners are finding out to their horror that their vermiculite ceilings could give them cancer. Some vermiculite ceilings contain asbestos which is a known carcinogen. The inhalation of asbestos fibres has been proven to cause lung cancer, asbestosis and mesothelioma.

“You can’t tell if the vermiculite contains asbestos just by looking at it”, says Dane Muldoon of Vermiculite Painting Services, “We always start by testing for asbestos in the lab before proceeding with any repairs, recoating or removal.”

Leading government authorities recommend that if your vermiculite ceiling contains asbestos, ideally it should be removed or at least encapsulated if the vermiculite is in good condition.

But even encapsulating vermiculite can prove to be a headache. Professional painters often wont even attempt to paint a vermiculite ceiling due to the high labour costs and unattractive finish resulting from not having access to vermiculite-specific encapsulation products.

Enter Durobond Vermiculite Recoat, a unique painting product specifically designed to bind, bond and seal vermiculite ceilings.

Durobond Vermiculite Recoat was developed by Durobond Paints, a Sydney-based company started in 1959, and is a dense, high opacity coating designed specially for application directly onto shabby vermiculite ceilings.

"We realised that vermiculite ceilings were almost impossible to paint effectively and created Durobond Vermiculite Recoat specifically to fill that

need in the Australian market", says Don Coleman, founder of Durobond paints.

Vermiculite ceilings go from being dull, dark and light-absorbing to being bright, white and reflective after recoating which is made possible by the hi-build formulation of Durobond Vermiculite Recoat. The coating has an in-built resistance to stain bleeding and is Tropical Anti-Mould protected as well.

Vermiculite Painting Services use Durobond Vermiculite Recoat exclusively in their recoat system which is backed by a ten year limited warranty. Plus, Dane says, not only is the finish amazing but the cost is a winner too.

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