DESCRIPTION
SunStone® finishes are blends of specially selected quartz and other aggregates, fortified with White Portland cement and AquaGem color quartz accents. The proven durability of SunStone® Exposed Aggregate finishes provide an alternative to traditional pool plaster. SunStone®'s variety in color and texture offers the customer almost limitless flexibility in poolscape design ideal for residential or commercial projects. SunStone® is easily installed but intended for use by professional applicators.

BENEFITS
Proven Durability • Extremely Etch Resistant • High Compressive Strength AquaGem Color Quartz
Traditionally or Spray Applied • Easy Maintenance

PREPARATION
SunStone® should be applied to a sound surface free of oil, dirt, algae or any other foreign substance. Previously applied paints or sealers must be removed by acid washing and/or sandblasting. Neutralize acid with baking soda or soda ash then thoroughly rinse with water. In addition to, or in partial replacement of, the procedures mentioned above, PERMAKOTE™ can be used as a bonding coat. Re-finished pools must be undercut an appropriate distance around all tile, return lines, light fixtures and main drains. All weepers and plumbing leaks should be repaired at least 24 hours prior to plaster application.

MIXING
1. Using standard mixing equipment, it is important to blend each batch for the same amount of time.
2. Mix SunStone® with approximately 1½ to 1¾ gallons of potable water per 80 lb. bag.
3. Start the mixing procedure by adding approximately two thirds of the total water requirements to the mixer and SunStone® then add the balance of water.
4. Mix the completed batch for at least 8 minutes to ensure a proper blend of all ingredients.

APPLICATION
SunStone® may be applied by either spray or conventional methods. Apply SunStone® over a lightly dampened (no standing water) surface to a uniform thickness of approximately 3/8”. Substrate conditions will have a direct relationship on the thickness of application and coverage rates per bag. If application must be interrupted, finish to a natural break to prevent joints from showing. SunStone® should be applied in temperatures exceeding 40° F.
CURING
Care should be taken to protect SunStone® from rapid drying conditions such as high wind, high temperature, low humidity. Such precautions may include fogging or misting the surface, or placing a protective covering over the pool. Cover should not be placed on the plaster surface.

FILLING PROCEDURES
When filling a pool it is important to do so without interruption of fill water. Fill pool as rapidly as possible. All fill hoses should have a sock or cloth on the end. Do not allow main hose length to lay on the plaster surface as it will leave a mark.

WATER CHEMISTRY
Water chemistry should be maintained within +/- 0.3 on the Langelier Saturation Index. Chlorine should not exceed 3 PPM and Cyanuric acid levels should not exceed manufacturers’ 40 to 60 PPM recommendations. For more information on chemical balance and the Saturation Index see recommendations from the NPC, national Plasterers’ Council, www.npconline.org and APSP, Association of Pool & Spa Professionals, www.theapsp.org. Failure to monitor and maintain proper chemical balance will result in equipment damage as well as surface deterioration. Maintaining proper chemical balance is essential during the initial curing phase as well as routine maintenance to maximize the life of the pool surface.

COVERAGE
Each 80 lb. bag covers approximately 18-22 sq. feet at 3/8˝ thickness. Coverage rates may vary depending on method of application and condition of substrate.

PACKAGING
SunStone® is packaged in 80 lb. heavy duty poly lined bags.

WARNINGS
Product is alkaline on contact with water. During mixing or application, avoid contact with eyes or skin. In case of such contact, flood eyes repeatedly with water and call physician. Do not take internally. Wear NIOSH approved mask during mixing procedures.