General:
Undesirable texture inconsistencies in the EIFS finish can result from a variety of conditions including use of different tools, mechanic or floating technique, weather conditions, substrate conditions, scaffold lines, etc. Although applying a colored coating, Weathercoat™, will help correct color variations, it will not hide texture variations. To completely hide unwanted texture variations, it is generally best to skim the surface to fill in the existing texture and reapply the texted finish to a natural break.

Procedure:
1. Clean the existing surface to remove any dirt, mold, mildew, or other contaminants that may interfere with adhesion of a coating. Use an appropriate cleaner in accordance with DryvitCARE published cleaning procedures (DC#001) for EIFS surfaces.
2. Inspect the wall surface and perform any needed repairs (cracks, sealant repair, damage, etc.).
3. Apply a tight coat of Freestyle® finish or NCB™ over the entire wall surface to a natural break (corner, reveal, sealant joint, etc.). This application fills in the existing texture to provide a flat, smooth surface for application of new finish. The skim coat should only be applied at the minimum thickness required to fill the texture. Excessively thick layers may result in poor curing and potential blistering. **NOTE:** Cementitious materials are not recommended for skimming over existing acrylic finishes. Dryvit recommends that only NCB or Freestyle products be used.
4. Allow material to fully dry and inspect the surface for any imperfections that may show through the finish (such as dimpling at fastener heads, trowel marks, etc.) and correct as needed.
5. Apply new finish to match surrounding areas as specified. If adjacent colors and texture need to be matched, it is recommended that samples of the existing material be submitted to get the best possible match.
6. For some finely texture finishes such as Sandblast® and Sandpebble® Fine, it may be possible to apply new finish directly over the existing finish without skimming. Trial areas should be applied to verify acceptability.
7. Although it may be sometimes possible to overspray colored aggregated finishes such as, Stone Mist® and Ameristone™ without re-skimming, a trial area should always be applied to verify acceptability. If necessary, the existing surface may be skimmed with a tight coat of Freestyle or NCB.

**NOTE:** Exact matches to existing finishes on adjacent wall areas are not always possible because of the effects of weathering to color and texture. Repairs should always be extended to a natural break to minimize this effect.