



WHAT MANUAL TO AUTOMATIC TOOLS ARE USEFUL FOR THE Q-LEVELS OF DRYWALL FINISHING?

The European Q-classification, 'Q' stands for quality, helps you determine the right finishing level of a drywall surface. Depending on the desired Q-level, you need specific tools. Let's look into the 4 Q-levels and what tools are useful for manual and automated finishing.

The 4 Q-levels in drywall finishing




Q1 NO DECORATIVE REQUIREMENTS

FINISHED SURFACE

- Joints and visible fixings filled with compound
- Tape on joints with compound
- All excess mud removed

TOP DECORATION

- Functional applications
- Tiles, plates or thick plastering



Q2 MINIMAL SURFACE SMOOTHNESS

FINISHED SURFACE

- Mud on top of the Q1 finishing
- Seamless transition from the joint area to the board surface
- Sanding afterwards

TOP DECORATION

- Structured wallpaper and paint
- Coats manually applied with lambskin or structured roller
- Top coats > 1 mm particle size



Q3 HIGH VISUAL SURFACE REQUIREMENTS

FINISHED SURFACE

- Wider layer of finish on top of the Q2 finishing
- Full surface pore filling
- Sanding afterwards

TOP DECORATION

- Fine structured wall coverings and paints
- Top coats < 1 mm particle size



Q4 THE HIGHEST DECORATIVE STANDARDS

FINISHED SURFACE

- Minimum 1 mm skim coat on top of the Q2 finishing
- Full surface skim coat

TOP DECORATION

- Smooth or glossy wall coverings
- Paint or varnish
- Stucco marble

Manual to Automatic drywall finishing tools and applications




Q1

OUR SOLUTIONS FOR Q1 AND Q2 FINISHING



Q2

MANUAL

SEMI-AUTOMATIC

AUTOMATIC



PROSURFACE BLADES AND KNIVES

Knives and smoothing blades for manual finishing. Discover our toolset with high quality joint knives, smoothing blades, and extension poles to help you get the job done.



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Q3

OUR SOLUTIONS FOR Q3 AND Q4 FINISHING



Q4

MANUAL

AUTOMATIC



PROSURFACE BLADES

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Your skills

Our solutions

Smooth job

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