



PREVENTING AND RESOLVING PAINT COVERAGE PROBLEMS

Coverage of a paint film can be affected by several factors, including surface, application and color. Textured or porous surfaces usually require more paint to achieve a solid, uniform appearance. Darker colors can be more problematic at times and can require more than one coat of paint.

PREVENTING COVERAGE PROBLEMS

Primer

All bare surfaces should be primed with an appropriate primer following all label instructions. Primers are necessary to level the surface porosity in order to create a uniform finish.

Square foot coverage

Most latex paint products are formulated to cover from 300-400 square feet per gallon depending on surface porosity. "Stretching" the paint, or applying material too sparsely, results in a thin paint film, which can also contribute to inadequate coverage. Always be sure to follow label instructions for specific coverage rates.

Applicators

Premium applicators are always recommended when painting. Lower quality tools can contribute to problems with film coverage and delivery to the substrate. The correct roller nap length will provide an adequate paint film that will cover and hide the surface. Refer to label instructions for recommended applicators.

Color

Certain colors such as reds and yellows may require additional coats, and in some cases the use of a specialty color primer may be needed. See label instructions on appropriate primer.

RESOLVING COVERAGE PROBLEMS

Most coverage and hiding problems can be corrected by the application of an additional coat of paint. In addition, allowing adequate drying time will help to increase the opacity and provide favorable results.

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