



# BENWOOD® STAYS CLEAR®

## ACRYLIC POLYURETHANE LOW LUSTRE

### N423

#### Features

- Does not yellow like solvent based varnishes & polyurethanes.
- Tintable to many decorative shades.
- Quick dry and re-coat.
- Soap and water clean up.

#### General Descriptions

A premium quality product that combines the attributes of acrylic and polyurethane resins to produce a durable clear finish that dries quickly. Provides excellent resistance to damage caused by abrasion, household chemicals and water, alcohol or food stains. For use on new or previously painted, stained or varnished interior wood surfaces, including floors. May also be used as a protective clear over decorative faux finishes on any substrate.

#### Recommended For

Applicable for new or previously painted, stained, or varnished interior wood surfaces including floors. Can also be used as a protective coating over decorative faux finishes on any substrate.

#### Limitations

- Do not apply when air and surface temperatures are below 50 °F (10 °C)
- For use on wood substrates or as a protective topcoat for decorative Faux finishes only

#### Product Information

##### Colors — Standard:

Clear (00)

(May be tinted with up to 2.0 fl. oz. Benjamin Moore® Color Preview® or Gennex® colorants per gallon.)

##### — Tint Bases:

Not available

##### — Special Colors:

Not available

##### Certifications & Qualifications:

Qualifies for LEED® v4 Credit  
 Qualifies for CHPS low emitting credit  
 (Collaborative for High Performance Schools)  
 CDPH v1 Emission Certified  
 Class A (0-25) over non-combustible surfaces  
 when tested in accordance with ASTM E-84  
 Master Painters Institute MPI # 121

VOC REGION	COMPLIANT
FEDERAL	YES
OTC	YES
OTCII	YES
CARB	YES
CARB07	YES
UTAH	YES
AZMC	YES
SCAQMD	NO

##### Technical Assistance

Available through your local authorized independent Benjamin Moore retailer. For the location of the retailer nearest you, call 1-866-708-9180 or visit [www.benjaminmoore.com](http://www.benjaminmoore.com)

##### Technical Data◇

##### Low Lustre

Vehicle Type Acrylic Polyurethane

Pigment Type None

Volume Solids 36%

Coverage per Gallon at Recommended Film Thickness 350 – 450 Sq. Ft.

Recommended Film Thickness – Wet 4.0 mils  
 – Dry 1.4 mils

Depending on surface texture and porosity. Be sure to estimate the right amount of paint for the job. This will ensure color uniformity and minimize the disposal of excess paint.

Dry Time @ 77 °F – To Touch 1 Hour  
 (25 °C) @ 50% RH – To Recoat 2 – 3 Hours

Painted surfaces can be washed after two weeks. High humidity and cool temperatures will result in longer dry, recoat and service times. Allow final coat to harden 24 hours before subjecting to normal floor traffic.

Dries By Evaporation, Coalescence

Viscosity 72 ± 2 KU

Flash Point None

Gloss / Sheen Low Lustre (35 – 45 @ 60°)

Surface Temperature at Application – Min. 50 °F  
 – Max. 90 °F

Thin With Do Not Thin

Clean Up Thinner Clean Water

Weight Per Gallon 8.6 lbs

Storage Temperature – Min. 40 °F  
 – Max. 90 °F

##### Volatil Organic Compounds (VOC)

238.7 Grams/Liter 1.99 lbs./Gallon

◇ Reported values are for Low Lustre.

## Benwood® Stays Clear® Acrylic Polyurethane Low Lustre N423

### Surface Preparation

Surfaces to be finished must be free from wax, dirt, grease, dust, and other contaminants. Glossy surfaces must be dulled with sandpaper or synthetic steel wool. **Do not use steel wool loose fibers will cause rusting in the finish coat.** Open grained woods such as oak or mahogany that will be subject to water or liquid spills should be filled with a Wood Grain Filler according to label instructions.

**Note: The application of this or any clear acrylic finish over fresh alkyd coatings may cause yellowing of the basecoat.**

**WARNING!** If you scrape, sand or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. **LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE.** Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to control lead exposure. Carefully clean up with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

### Primer/Finish Systems

**Raw Wood:** New interior wood must be sanded smooth. Use fine sandpaper following the grain of the wood to achieve a smooth finish. Stays Clear® may be used as both the sealer and finish on raw wood. Allow sufficient dry time before sanding lightly and applying topcoats.

**Sealer:** 1 coat Stays Clear® Acrylic Polyurethane

**Finish:** 1-2 or more coats Stays Clear® Acrylic Polyurethane

**Old Finishes:** Do not apply over sealers containing silicones, wax, or stearate. Remove old finishes which are chipping, peeling, or in otherwise poor condition. Remove any and all old finishes containing wax or stearate. Other finishes in good condition must be sanded lightly with fine sandpaper until smooth. Surfaces requiring complete restoration must have the finish removed by either power sanding or use of paint and varnish remover, then treated as new surface.

**One-Day Finishing (Floors):** Apply in thin, even coats following grain of wood. For 3 coat/1-day application, allow at least 3 hours dry time between coats. Sand lightly with fine sandpaper between applications. If sandpaper gums when sanding, insufficient drying time has been allowed between coats. Optimal conditions are 60 °F to 80 °F and 30% to 60% relative humidity. After final coat has been applied, avoid heavy traffic on floors during the initial 24 hours. In addition, care should be taken during first week after application, especially when replacing furniture.

### Application

**Stir thoroughly before and occasionally during use to ensure a uniform sheen.**

**Brush:** Apply as received in the container with a good quality synthetic brush or painting pad. Apply along grain of the wood in thin, even, uniform coats. Keep a wet-edge during application and avoid working back into partially dry areas.

**Roller:** Large smooth surfaces can be coated using a short-nap roller in thin, even, uniform coats. Keep a wet-edge during application and avoid working back into partially dry areas.

**Spray, Airless:** Fluid Pressure —1,500 to 2,000 PSI;

Tip — 0.011 - 0.015 Orifice;

Allow a minimum of 2-3 hours dry; then sand lightly, rubbing with the grain, before recoating. For optimal performance a minimum of two coats are required for furniture or trim. Floors require 3 or more coats. Allow final coat to harden for 24 hours before subjecting to normal floor traffic.

### Thinning/Cleanup

**Do not thin;** thinning will reduce the sealing ability of this product. Do not add other paints or solvents. Wash painting tools in warm soapy water immediately after use. Spray equipment should be given a final rinse with mineral spirits to prevent rusting.

USE COMPLETELY OR DISPOSE OF PROPERLY. Dry, empty containers may be recycled in a can recycling program. **Local disposal requirements vary; consult your sanitation department or state-designated environmental agency for information on disposal options.**

### Environmental, Health & Safety Information

**Use only with adequate ventilation.** Do not breathe spray mist or sanding dust. Ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Avoid exposure to dust and spray mist by wearing a NIOSH approved respirator during application, sanding and clean up. Follow respirator manufacturer's directions for respirator use. Close container after each use. Wash thoroughly after handling.



**WARNING** Cancer and Reproductive Harm—  
[www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

**FIRST AID:** In case of eye contact, flush immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes; for skin, wash thoroughly with soap and water. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. If you experience difficulty breathing, leave the area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, get medical attention immediately.

**WARNING:** This product contains isothiazolinone compounds at levels of <0.1%. These substances are biocides commonly found in most paints and a variety of personal care products as a preservative. Certain individuals may be sensitive or allergic to these substances, even at low levels.

**IN CASE OF SPILL** – Absorb with inert material and dispose of as specified under “Clean Up”.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
PROTECT FROM FREEZING**

**Refer to Safety Data Sheet for additional  
health and safety information.**