

### General Description

AURA® Bath & Spa is a premium interior coating specially formulated for optimal performance in high humidity environments such as baths and spas. With the added benefits of Color Lock® Technology and mildew resistance it delivers remarkable durability and exceptional color.

- Optimized for humid environments
- Extreme hide for fewer coats
- Color Lock® Technology, no color rub-off
- Zero VOC, Low odor
- Provides a mildew resistant coating
- Easy application and clean up

### Usage

Bathroom and sauna applications. New or previously painted wallboard, plaster, masonry and wood; primed or previously painted metal.

Colors	NA
Bases	Gennex® Bases 1X – 4X
Colorant System	Gennex®

### Technical Data / Base 1

Vehicle	Proprietary 100% Acrylic	
Pigment	Titanium Dioxide	
Volume Solids	44.7 ± 2%	
Spread Rate Per Gallon	350 – 400 Sq. Ft.	
Recommended	Wet:	4.0 – 4.6 mils
Film Thickness	Dry:	1.8 – 2.0 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:	1 hour
For best results, allow a minimum of 24 hours before returning to full service. Painted surfaces can be washed after two weeks. High humidity and cool temperatures will result in longer dry, recoat and service times.		
Surface Temperature	Min:	50 °F
During Application	Max:	90 °F
Viscosity	98 ± 4 KU	
Flash Point	None	
Sheen / Gloss	3 – 4.5 @ 85°	
Clean Up	Water	
Thinner	refer to page 2	
Weight Per Gallon	11.0 lbs.	
Storage Temperature	Min:	40 °F
	Max:	90 °F
VOC	0 g/L	

### Primer Systems

AURA® is self-priming on most surfaces. On bare substrates two coats are required; previously painted surfaces can be finished with 1 or 2 coats. While the high quality of our products sometimes makes one-coat coverage achievable, Benjamin Moore® recommends two coats of this product to achieve full color development and to maximize paint film performance. **Special Note:** Certain custom colors require Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer Deep Color Base Primer tinted to a special prescription formula to achieve the desired color. Consult your retailer.

#### Wood, and engineered wood products:

Self-priming

#### Bleeding Woods (Redwood, Cedar, etc.):

Fresh Start® Undercoater and Primer/Sealer (032) or Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046)

#### Drywall:

Self-priming

#### Plaster (Cured):

Self-priming

#### Rough or Pitted Masonry:

Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior/Exterior Hi-Build Block Filler (571)

#### Smooth Poured or Pre-cast Concrete:

Self-priming

#### Ferrous Metal (Steel and Iron):

Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04) or Super Spec HP® Alkyd Metal Primer (P06)

#### Non-Ferrous Metal (Galvanized & Aluminum):

All new metal surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned with Corotech® Oil & Grease Emulsifier (V600) to remove contaminants. New shiny non-ferrous metal surfaces that will be subject to abrasion should be dulled with very fine sandpaper or a synthetic steel wool pad to promote adhesion. Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04)

#### Repaint, All Substrates:

Prime bare areas with the primer recommended above for the substrate.

### Limitations

- Do not paint when air or surface temperature is below 50 °F (10 °C).
- Only Gennex® Waterborne Colorants can be added to AURA® Paint

### Compliance & Certifications

OTC	✓
OTC II	✓
CARB	✓
CARB07	✓
CARB19	✓
UTAH	✓
AZMC	✓
SCAQMD	✓

Eligible for LEED® v4	✓
CDPH Emissions Certified	✓
Eligible for CHPS low emitting credit (Collaborative for High Performance Schools)	✓
Benjamin Moore's Green Promise®	✓

Class A (0-25) over non-combustible surfaces when tested in accordance with ASTM E-84

Anti-microbial - This product contains agents which inhibit the growth of microbes on the surface of this paint film. This product contains antimicrobial additives that inhibit the growth of mold and mildew on the surface of the paint film.

This Benjamin Moore® product has been tested by independent third parties and meets or exceeds the published chemical restriction and performance criteria of the Green Seal™ GS-11 2015 standard.



Benjamin Moore's Green Promise® designation is our company's assurance that this product meets – and often exceeds – rigorous environmental and performance criteria regarding VOCs, emissions, application, washability, scrubability and packaging, while also delivering the premium levels of performance you expect from Benjamin Moore.

### Technical Assistance

Available through your local authorized independent Benjamin Moore retailer.

call 1-866-708-9180  
visit [www.benjaminmoore.com](http://www.benjaminmoore.com)

## Surface Preparation

Surfaces to be painted must be clean, dry, and free of dirt, dust, grease, oil, soap, wax, scaling paint, water soluble materials, and mildew. Remove any peeling or scaling paint and sand these areas to feather edges smooth with adjacent surfaces. Glossy areas should be dulled. Drywall surfaces must be free of sanding dust.

New plaster or masonry surfaces must be allowed to cure (30 days) before applying base coat. Cured plaster should be hard, have a slight sheen and maximum pH of 10; soft, porous or powdery plaster indicates improper cure. Never sand a plaster surface; knife off any protrusions and prime plaster before and after applying patching compound. Poured or pre-cast concrete with a very smooth surface should be etched or abraded to promote adhesion after removing all form release agents and curing compounds. Remove any powder or loose particles before priming.

Surfactant leaching is a common problem in areas where moisture concentrates on walls like bathrooms & showers. While Aura® Bath & Spa Matte Finish has excellent resistance to surfactant leaching, surfactant leaching stains on existing coatings must be removed prior to painting. Thoroughly wash surfaces to be painted, removing any surfactants that may be on the substrate then allow to dry. Areas with heavy surfactant leaching, should also be primed with Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046) before applying Aura® Bath & Spa.

For best results, allow a minimum of 24 hours before returning to full service.

**Difficult Substrates:** Benjamin Moore offers a variety of specialty primers for use over difficult substrates such as plaster, bleeding woods, grease stains, crayon markings, hard glossy surfaces, galvanized metal or other substrates where paint adhesion or stain suppression is a particular problem. Your Benjamin Moore® retailer or architectural representative can recommend the right problem-solving primer for your special needs.

**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. Clean up carefully 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 Informational Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

## Application

Stir thoroughly before and during use. Apply one or two coats. For best results, use a premium Benjamin Moore® custom-blended nylon/polyester brush, premium Benjamin Moore® roller, or a similar product. Apply paint generously from unpainted area into wet area. This product can also be sprayed.

### Spray, Airless:

Pressure / 1,000 – 2,000 PSI  
Tip / 0.013 – 0.017

## Thinning/Cleaning

Conditioning with Benjamin Moore® 518 Extender may be necessary under certain conditions to adjust open time or spray characteristics.

Add 518 Extender or water - Max of 8 fl. oz. to a gallon paint  
Never add other paints or solvents.

**Clean Up:** Wash brushes, rollers, and other 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 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:** This product can expose you to chemicals including Titanium dioxide, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer, and Ethylene glycol which are known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to [www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

**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.

**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.

**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.**