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100% ACRYLIC EXTERIOR SOFT GLOSS FINISH 543

Features

- Low temperature application down to 40 °F (4.4 °C)
- Resistant to peeling and cracking
- Blister resistant
- Resists new mildew formation
- Soap and water clean-up
- 25 Year warranty
- Excellent hide and color retention

Recommended For

For exterior surfaces such as new or previously painted wood, hardboard siding, cured masonry, and unglazed brick.

General Description

A premium quality 100% acrylic latex soft gloss house & trim paint designed for application to a wide variety of exterior surfaces such as wood, hardboard, vinyl and aluminum siding, shingles, unglazed brick, concrete, stucco, cinder block, and primed metal. Provides a breathable surface for maximum durability.

Limitations

- Do not apply when air and surface temperatures are below 40 °F (4.4 °C).
- Not for interior use.

Product Information

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<p>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</p>																																																																									

^oReported values are for Pastel Base. Contact Benjamin Moore for values of other bases or colors.

Surface Preparation

Surfaces must be clean, dry and free of oil, grease, wax, rust, mildew, chalk and loose or scaling paint. Cement based water proofing paints should be removed. Glossy surfaces must be dulled. Un-weathered areas such as eaves, porch ceilings, overhangs and protected wall areas should be washed with a Benjamin Moore® Clean (N318) and rinsed with a strong stream of water from a garden hose or power washer to remove contaminants that can interfere with proper adhesion. Stains from mildew must be removed by cleaning with Benjamin Moore® Clean (N318) prior to coating the surface. **Caution:** Refer to the (N318) Clean technical data and material safety data sheets for instructions on its proper use and handling.

All new masonry surfaces must be power washed or brushed thoroughly with stiff fiber bristles to remove loose particles. New masonry substrates must be allowed to cure for 30 days before priming or painting. 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.

Difficult Substrates: Benjamin Moore offers a number of specialty primers for use over difficult substrates such as bleeding woods, grease stains, crayon markings, hard glossy surfaces, or other substrates where paint adhesion or stain suppression is a particular problem. Your Benjamin Moore® retailer 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. 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.

Primer/Finish Systems

New surfaces should be fully primed, and previously painted surfaces may be primed or spot primed as necessary. For best hiding results, tint the primer to the approximate shade of the finish coat, especially when a significant color change is desired. **Special Note:** Certain custom colors require a Deep Color Base Primer tinted to a special prescription formula to achieve the desired color. Consult your retailer

Wood and engineered wood products:

Primer: Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046) or Fresh Start® Multi-Purpose Latex Primer (N023)
Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss Finish (543)

Bleeding Type Woods, (Redwood and Cedar):

Primer: Fresh Start® Exterior Wood Primer (094) or 1-2 coats of Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046) may be used
Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss Finish (543)

Hardboard Siding, Bare or Factory Primed:

Primer: Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046) or Fresh Start® Multi-Purpose Latex Primer (N023)
Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss Finish (543)

Vinyl Siding & Vinyl Composite:

Note: Do not paint vinyl siding or trim darker than the original color.

Primer: Fresh Start® Multi-Purpose Latex Primer (N023).
Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss Finish (543)

Rough or Pitted Masonry:

Primer: Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior/Exterior Hi-Build Block Filler (571)
Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss Finish (543)

Poured or Pre-cast Concrete and Fiber Cement Siding:

Primer: Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior / Exterior 100% Acrylic Masonry Sealer (608) or Fresh Start® Multi-Purpose Latex Primer (N023)
Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss (543)

Ferrous Metal (Steel and Iron):

Primer: Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04) or Super Spec HP® Alkyl Metal Primer (P06)
Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss Finish (543)

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

Primer: No primer needed

Finish: 1 or 2 coats ben® Exterior 100% Acrylic Soft Gloss Finish (543)

Repaint, All Substrates: Prime bare areas with the primer recommended for the substrate above.

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. Refer to the chart below for application recommendations.

Thinning/Clean up

Conditioning with Benjamin Moore® 518 Extender may be necessary under certain conditions to adjust open time or spray characteristics. The chart below is for general guidance		
	Mild conditions	Severe Conditions
	Humid (RH> 50%) with no direct sunlight & with little to no wind	Dry (RH<50%), in direct sunlight, or windy conditions
Brush: Nylon / Polyester	No thinning necessary	Add 518 Extender or water: Max of about 1/2 pint or 8 fl. oz. to a gallon of paint Never add other paints or solvents.
Roller: Premium Quality 3/8" Roller		
Spray: Airless Pressure: 1500 -2000 psi Tip: 0.011-0.015		

Clean Up: Clean up with warm soapy water. 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

WARNING!

Possible birth defect hazard. Contains, - Carbamic acid, 1H-benzimidazol-2-yl-, methyl ester and 1-Methyl-2-pyrrolidinone which may cause birth defects based on animal data.

Use only with adequate ventilation. Do not breathe vapors, 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

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.**