



STAYS CLEAR[®]

ACRYLIC POLYURETHANE

LOW LUSTRE F423

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 with very little odour. 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 coating 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 10 °C (50 °F).
- For use on wood substrates or as a protective topcoat for decorative Faux finishes only.

Product Information

Colours — Standard:

Clear
(May be tinted with up to 2.0 fl. oz. Benjamin Moore[®] Colour Preview[®] or Gennex[®] colorants per can of 3.79 L.)

— Tint Bases:

Not available

— Special Colours:

Not available

Certification:

VOC compliant in all regulated areas

Master Painters Institute MPI # 121

CHPS Certified
(Collaboration for
High Performance
Schools)

**Qualifies for
LEED[®]
Credit**
(INTERIOR CLEAR
WOOD FINISHES)

CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION CENTRE:

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Technical Data[◇]

Low Lustre

Vehicle Type	Acrylic Polyurethane
Pigment Type	None
Volume Solids	36%

Coverage per 3.79 L at Recommended Film Thickness	32.5 – 41.8 sq. m. (350 – 450 sq. ft.)
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Recommended Film Thickness	– Wet – Dry	4.0 mils 1.4 mils
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Depending on surface texture and porosity. Be sure to estimate the right amount of paint for the job. This will ensure colour uniformity and minimize the disposal of excess paint.

Dry Time @ 25 °C (77 °F) and 50% RH	– To Touch – To Recoat	1 Hour 2-3 Hours
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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
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Viscosity	72 ± 2 KU
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Flash Point	None
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Gloss / Sheen	Low Lustre (35-45 @ 60°)
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Surface Temperature at Application	– Min. – Max.	10 °C (50 °F) 32 °C (90 °F)
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Thin With	Clean Water
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Clean Up Thinner	Clean Water
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Weight Per 3.79 L	3.9 kg (8.6 lbs)
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Storage Temperature	– Min. – Max.	4.4 °C (40 °F) 32 °C (90 °F)
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Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

271 g/L 1.03 kg/3.79 L

[◇] Reported values are for Low Lustre.

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 fibres 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 wood grain filler following manufacturer's directions. Apply Interior Wood Finishes Penetrating Stain (F241) as needed.

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 logging onto Health Canada @ http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/iyh-vsv/prod/paint-peinture_e.html.

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 15.6 °C – 26.7 °C (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.

For best results on high traffic commercial areas use one of our solvent-based polyurethane finishes (F428) High Gloss or (F435) Low Lustre.

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 —.011 - .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 on disposal options.

Environmental, Health & Safety Information

Use only in a well ventilated area. Keep container closed when not in use. In case of spillage, absorb with inert material and dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Wash thoroughly after handling.

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

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