



IMPORTANT FINISHING INSTRUCCIONES **RTDV-RTDB-RTDR-DEHH-AEHH** **EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 11, 2009**

Applies to: ALL PAINT GRADE DOORS

***** Protect Your Warranty *****

1. Finish the sections PRIOR to installation for proper coverage and to limit potential “blocking” (sticking) in the joints of totally uncured paint. Depending upon the paint chosen, a minimum of several days to a number of weeks could be required to fully cure the paint. The longer the sections are allowed to dry PRIOR to installation, the better the moisture resistance.
2. BEST and FIMBEL RECOMMENDED protection is achieved with an Oil Based Paint on ALL six sides of the section, being careful to FULLY cover all surfaces but not overload the joint areas with too thick a coat of paint, as the doors will shut tightly and painted surfaces of joints will touch each other.
3. If a latex or waterborne paint is chosen we recommend Benjamin Moore Aura Exterior paint, being careful to FULLY cover all surfaces but not overload the joint areas with too thick a coat of paint, as the doors will shut tightly and painted surfaces of joints will touch each other. Aura paint dries quickly, **is warranted for life**, and yields a harder, less tacky surface. For an added measure of protection, substitute an Oil Based Paint tinted to the same color as the face paint in the joint areas instead of the latex or waterborne paint.
4. DO NOT use elastomeric LATEX paints, particularly in the joints. Manufacturers have designed these types of paint systems to remain flexible and elastic for life. The down side is that these paints remain tacky and tend to stick and rip off in the joints when the door operates. The resulting damage to the sections caused by painting with these products will NOT be covered under warranty. An example of this type of paint is Sherwin Williams Duration Exterior paint.
5. After the door is allowed to dry, treat the joints with a coat of “Pledge” natural beauty furniture polish (**IN THE YELLOW CAN**) to assist as a release agent for the touching surfaces of the paint. Do this PRIOR to operating the newly painted door. Take a rag and spray the “Pledge” on the end of a rag and wipe both the upper edge and lower edge of the door sections in the joint areas with an ample coat. We recommend at least an annual maintenance coat of “Pledge” in the joint areas to assist in the trouble free operation of the painted door. An added benefit of using “Pledge” is its ability to help keep the joints free from airborne dust and dirt, contributing to the door’s appearance and proper function.

CAUTION!! Many homeowners take the time to finish their doors following the instructions above to achieve a long lasting beautiful finish. However, a common MISTAKE is to assume that the paint has cured and is hard enough to stack the sections in a pile to save space, etc. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should the painted sections be allowed to lay flat on top of each other, lean against each other or other surfaces that could potentially cause the paint from one section to adhere to the paint on another section. This will result in damage to the door sections as paint will peel and pull off material and is not covered under our warranty. Most latex paints remain tacky for life and will cause damage if allowed to adhere to another surface.

Please feel free to contact Customer Service at 908-534-1732 x 14 for any questions.