38® Clear Alkyd Dull Varnish

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An exceptionally clear, pale amber varnish that produces a hard, flexible finish with remarkable resistance to moisture, marring and scratching. Ideal for surfaces subject to repeated use and maintenance. May be intermixed with Gloss or Satin Finish.

Recommended Uses

Recommended for interior wood paneling, doors, light duty floors, trim, window sills, furniture and cabinets.

Recommended Systems

Stir 38 Clear Finish Alkyd Dull Varnish gently before and during use. —Do not shake.

Closed-Grain Wood (pine, maple, birch)
1 coat Tonetic Oil Wood Stain
1 coat 38 Clear Finish Alkyd Dull Varnish

New Trim and Doors
1 coat Tonetic Oil Wood Stain
1 coat P&L Oil Sanding Sealer
1 coat 38 Clear Finish Alkyd Gloss Varnish
1 or 2 coats 38 Clear Finish Alkyd Dull Varnish

Bare Wood
1 coat Pratt & Lambert Oil Sanding Sealer OR
1 coat 38 Clear Finish Alkyd Gloss Varnish, reduced 20% with mineral spirits
1 or 2 coats 38 Clear Finish Alkyd Dull Varnish

Technical Data

Vehicle: Alkyd
Finish: Dull (4-8 @ 60°)
Flash Point: 102°F
Volume Solids: 27± 2%
Weight Solids: 37 ± 2%
Weight/Gallon: 7.5 lb
VOC (less exempt solvents): 557 g/L; 4.38 lb/gal
Spread Rate: 550 sq. ft. per gallon, porosity and texture dependent
Film Thickness: @ 2.9 mils wet; 0.8 mils dry
Drying Time (@ 77°F, 50% R.H.):
To Touch: 1 hour
To Recoat: 12 hours
Note: Drying times are temperature, humidity and film thickness dependant.
Reduction: Mineral spirits
Color: Pale Amber/Clear
Limitations: Will yellow with age and absence of light. Do not use on floors.
Tinting: Do not tint
Sizes: Quarts

As of 08/01/11, Complies with:
- OTC
- SCAQMD
- CARB
- LADCO
- LEED® 09 CI
- LEED® 09 NC
- LEED® 09 CS
- LEED® H
- MPI Spec #:

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Surface Preparation

**WARNING!** Removal of old paint by sanding, scraping or other means may generate dust or fumes that contain lead. Exposure to lead dust or fumes may cause brain damage or other adverse health effects, especially in children or pregnant women. Controlling exposure to lead or other hazardous substances requires the use of proper protective equipment, such as a properly fitted respirator (NIOSH approved) and proper containment and cleanup. For more information, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (in US) or contact your local health authority.

To ensure proper color and protection, new wood surfaces must be clean and dry, free of dirt, grease, mildew or other contaminants. Previously painted or varnished wood cannot be stained unless the old finish is completely removed down to the bare wood. Use paint or varnish remover as directed.

**Wood**

Sand all surfaces smooth with the grain to eliminate scratches. Patch all holes and imperfections with a stainable wood filler or putty and sand smoother. Remove dust with a tack cloth prior to staining.

**Mildew:** Remove before painting by washing with a solution of 1 part liquid bleach and 3 parts water. Apply the solution and scrub the mildewed area. Allow the solution to remain on the mildewed area for 10 minutes. Rinse thoroughly with water and allow surface to dry before painting. Wear protective eyewear, waterproof gloves, and protective clothing. Quickly wash off any of the mixture that comes in contact with your skin. **DO NOT ADD DETERGENTS OR AMMONIA TO THE BLEACH/WATER SOLUTION.**

Clean-up

Clean spills and spatters immediately with soap and warm water. Clean hands and tools immediately after use with soap and warm water. After cleaning, flush spray equipment with mineral spirits to prevent rusting of the equipment. Follow manufacturer’s safety recommendations when using mineral spirits.

Tips to Improve

- Waxes and polishes from previously-finished surfaces may be removed with mineral spirits on a clean cloth
- Sand lightly and remove dust between coats
- Use Gloss as a first coat under Dull or Satin Finish

Maintenance:

To assure maximum washability and durability, wait at least two weeks before washing the dry film. When removing stains, dirt and marks, use a soft cloth or sponge with water or other general purpose household cleaner. Penetrating stains and marks can be removed either by applying a solution of household bleach in water and then rinsing with clean water; or, by carefully using an abrasive cleaner and water.

Cautions

- Prevent from freezing
- For interior use only
- Do not shake
- Not for use on horizontal surfaces where water will collect.

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