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Paintable/Stainable Pine Finishing Instructions

Please read these instructions thoroughly before beginning to stain or paint your MI Windows and Doors product. Once finished, it is very difficult to remove the stain or paint and refinish the unit.

It is the homeowner's responsibility to select high-quality, WATER-BASED interior paints or stains to finish laminated surfaces, and to follow the paint or stain manufacturer's directions for the proper application of their product.

Paintable, stainable products feature an engineered interior, simulated wood grain surface that requires a paint, stain or clear coat (polyurethane) finish to be applied before or immediately after installation.

CAUTION: When applying paint, stain or clear coat (polyurethane) finish, avoid contact with plastic parts such as hardware, handles, rollers and weather-stripping. Plastic parts that have had contact with paints, stains or polyurethane will eventually become brittle and may require replacement.

Caution: It is extremely important that you do not paint locks, hardware, weather-stripping, or any surface which comes in contact with another window or door surface.

DO NOT sand or use abrasive cleaners on P/S Pine. DO NOT allow P/S Pine to come in contact with petroleum distillates such as benzene, toluene or kerosene. DO NOT allow P/S Pine to come in contact with silicone, adhesives or lubricants prior to finishing.

FINISHING OR PAINTING

Preparing and Cleaning the P/S Pine Surface

- Clean the surface with a damp cloth soaked in warm water. Wipe down with a dry cloth and allow the surface to thoroughly dry.
- If the surface has become soiled try cleaning with a mild detergent applied to a damp cloth. Rinse off cleaning residue with warm water and let thoroughly dry before applying paint or stain.
- For more difficult stains apply TSP (Trisodium Phosphate Cleaner) to a clean cloth and wipe soiled area clean. Rinse off cleaning residue with warm water and let thoroughly dry before applying paint or stain.



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Selecting and Applying a High Quality Stain

Water based stains are recommended.

Read and follow stain manufacturer's instructions and warnings for application, preparation and cleanup. Apply the stain with a cloth in the direction of the wood grain on a test strip to determine if the stain adequately matches your existing finish before applying stain to the unit. Multiple coats may be required, allow stain to dry between applications. After a good match has been obtained on a sample, apply stain evenly with a cloth to the window unit.

Avoid applying stain to hardware, weather-stripping and glass.

- To avoid stain contact with weather-stripping, use a straight edge to roll the weather-stripping away from the P/S Pine laminate.
- To avoid stain contact with glass, use painters tape to mask off the edge. Any stain that is applied to the glass should be wiped off before the stain dries. After stain is applied carefully remove the painters tape.

Applying Water Based Polyurethane Top Coat

Read and follow the polyurethane manufacturer's instructions and warnings for application, surface preparation, and clean up. After letting the stain dry overnight, test an inconspicuous area to see if the surface is dry by wiping the stained surface with a clean cloth. If stain appears on the cloth, the stain needs to dry longer before applying the polyurethane top coat. After the stain has completely dried, use a clean brush to apply a top coat of high quality water based polyurethane. After polyurethane is dry, lightly sand the surface with 400 grit sandpaper taking extra care not to sand through the polyurethane surface and apply one more coat of high quality water based polyurethane.

Applying a Paint Finish

Read and follow the paint manufacturer's instructions and warnings for application, preparation and clean up. TEST a high-quality latex paint applied in the direction of the wood grain on a sample piece of P/S Pine before applying paint to the unit. NOTE: P/S Pine does not require the use of a prime coat. One coat of high quality paint generally provides adequate coverage.