

## Prestige Columns™ – Paint Specifications

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Your Prestige Column™ is manufactured using Versatex free-foam cellular PVC and does not require painting for protection. If painting is preferred, however, please use the guidelines below.

### Surface Preparation

Prestige Columns™ can be painted to achieve the desired look or accent colour of your home. To ensure good paint adhesion, the surface of the column should be clean, dry, and free of dirt, mildew, chalk, grease and any other surface contaminants before paint application. Prior to cleaning it is a good practice to fill any holes and remove any marks or blemishes that may appear during the installation process with an exterior filler, (for example, DAP® DryDex® Spackling).

Cleaning can be accomplished using a cloth and a mixture of mild detergent and water. Other cleaning agents include a mild household spray cleaner, a degreaser, or alcohol.

### Coating Specification

A 100% acrylic latex or 100% acrylic latex with a urethane additive should be used to achieve superior coating durability and flexibility. Only light to medium coloured paints with a **light reflective value (LRV) of 55 units or greater** should be applied to Prestige Columns™. **Using a paint with a LRV below 55 units will void our product warranty.**

Paint manufacturer recommendations include priming with an exterior 100% acrylic latex primer, followed by two coats of exterior 100% acrylic latex satin finish paint.

### Application

Apply paint when the air and surface temperatures are 2°C (35°F) or above, and when the air and surface temperatures will remain above this temperature for the next 24 hours. Avoid painting early in the morning or late in the day when dew and condensation are likely to form, or when rain or snow is threatening. To prolong the shelf life of the paint, always protect it from freezing. Apply primer and topcoats using the following methods:

- Brush: Use a nylon/polyester brush.
- Roller: Use a 3/8" – 3/4" nap synthetic roller.
- Spray: Airless Pressure...2000 psi      Tip...015"-.019"

Typical Drying Times (Dry Time at 25°C (77°F); 50% Relative Humidity.):

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| - To the Touch: | 30 minutes | - To Recoat:    | 4 hours |
| - To Handle:    | 1 hour     | - To Full Cure: | 30 days |

### Considerations

- Higher quality paints typically outperform lower quality paints.
- Temperature, humidity, wind, and the amount of direct sunlight at time of application will affect paint drying times.
- Prestige Columns™ are impermeable to moisture; it may take as long as 45 days for paint application to fully cure.
- Paint failures on wood are due primarily to moisture cycling. Since Prestige Columns™ cannot absorb moisture, paints will adhere better and for a much longer time when applied to Versatex PVC versus wood.

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