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## PREPARATION

When painting PVC, surface preparation is easy but crucial.

For window and patio door pvc products, as well as cellular pvc products other than AZEK PaintPro\*, apply VK degreaser with a Scotch Brite pad before wiping off completely with a lint-free rag.

For window and patio door pvc products, apply VP Cleaner to a clean rag, and wipe the surface to be painted. Allow 1-2 minutes for excess cleaner to evaporate.

Perform wetting test as per instructions to ensure your surface is ready to paint.

*\*PaintPro requires no surface preparation before painting. Simply make sure the product is free of dust and/or dirt and apply.*

## APPLICATION & EQUIPMENT TIPS

When applying Aqua DIY D100 or TruStain, the objective is to achieve a wet film thickness of 4 mils over the entire surface. This might be less than you are used to: most acrylic latex paints recommend a wet film thickness between 5.5 – 8 mils.

It's important to mix the coating before application as some pigments will settle over time. It is recommended to stir rather than shake the coating to avoid introducing excessive air in the coating.

It's also recommended to filter the coating before application, especially if you're re-using a previously opened container, to avoid having debris or dry paint particles end up on your surface or in your spray equipment.

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## RECOMMENDED APPLICATION EQUIPMENT:

### MANUAL:

Brush (Avoid rollers as they tend to introduce too much air in the coating, creating bubbles on the surface and making it harder to achieve a smooth finish). Stain Top Coats should always be sprayed on rather than brushed for best results.

### SPRAYING:

Use an HVLP system with a 1.8-2.0mm tip size. Adjust the air pressure to between 30-45psi. Always test your spray pattern on a piece of cardboard or scrap material before painting your surface. Paint dots on the edge of the spray pattern should be no larger than the tip of a fine pen. You can reduce the paint's viscosity with distilled or bottled water, up to 5% of total volume, if necessary.

If your spray pattern is inconsistent, it might be necessary to clean the nozzle or air holes of your spray gun.

### ALTERNATIVE SPRAY EQUIPMENT:

Other spray equipment can be used to apply Aqua DIY. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for water-based paints.

Note: If your spray equipment has been used to apply high-solvent or oil-based coatings, it is important to clean the equipment using solvents before rinsing thoroughly with water. The presence of oils or solvents in the equipment would contaminate the paint and could lead to finish and performance issues.

### APPLICATION:

**Brushing:** You can successfully paint your surface with a single coat. However, if you are trying to create the smoothest possible finish and minimize visible brush marks, it will be easier to apply multiple thin coats. Allow paint to dry for 15-20 minutes before applying a successive coat. Avoid waiting multiple hours in-between coats as this creates potential for delamination in the future.

**Spraying:** If you are only painting a flat surface, you can do it in a single pass. If you are painting over corners or sharp edges, perform a fume/fog coat and allow to flash-off for 30 seconds to 1 minute before performing a finishing pass. This essentially creates anchor points for the finishing pass, making it easier to maintain the recommended 4 mils of wet film thickness even around corners and edges. Paint can be reduced if necessary by adding up to 5% by volume of clean water. (To convert Brushable paint into Sprayable, start by adding 100ml of distilled/bottled water and keep adding as needed).

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