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- Step 1.** Sand all areas to be painted with 180 grit sandpaper and remove sanding dust. This is common for areas that have been cut, routed, or machined. All sharp and 90° edges should be rounded-off to avoid substrate chipping.
- Step 2.** Apply one coat with a brush, spray or roller with a high quality exterior alkyd-oil primer or acrylic latex primer, typically, at a rate of 4 wet mils. Using a brush is the preferred method for adequate coverage. All freshly cut and routed edges (raised panel) should be double-coated to ensure a good seal. Dry time (cure) is likely to be within 48 hours, assuming ambient conditions are 50% RH and 77° F. Always follow the paint manufacturer's instructions for finishing.
- Step 3.** Lightly sand the primer coat with 220 grit sandpaper and remove sanding dust. Then, apply the first top coat with a high quality 100% acrylic latex top coat using a brush, spray or roller, typically at a rate of 4 wet mils. Allow at least 24 hours for the first top coat to dry before applying the second coat. Follow all paint manufacturer's recommendations.
- Step 4.** After the topcoat has dried, lightly sand the first top coat. Apply the second and final coat using the same 100% acrylic finish, typically, at a rate of 3 to 4 wet mils with a brush, spray or roller. Follow all paint manufacturer's recommendations.

A minimum field-applied dry film thickness of 4 mils is required on Extira.

If there is no oven or forced heat used in curing the various coats of paint, allow parts to air dry for 7 days before installation. The 7 day wait will ensure fingernail hardness of the paint and will avoid fingerprints. Wrap parts in clear polyethylene during shipping to prevent parts from sticking together or marring.

These recommendations are provided only as a guide for best results. Consult with your paint supplier for specific instructions based on the products you use and your end application.

### SUGGESTED PAINT PRODUCTS

#### Sherwin-Williams®

Primers: A-100 Alkyd-Oil Primer (Y24W20)  
A-100 Latex Primer (B42W41)

Paints: A-100 Exterior Latex Paint  
SuperPaint® Exterior Latex  
Duration® Exterior Acrylic Latex

#### Valspar®

Primers: Oil Based House and Trim Primer

Paints: Duramax® Paint  
Ultra Premium® Exterior Paint  
Medallion® Exterior Paint

#### Olympic® Paints

Paint: Olympic Premium Exterior Paint

#### Pittsburgh® Paints

Paint: Timeless® Super Premium Exterior

#### Benjamin Moore®

Primer: Fresh Start® All Purpose 100% Acrylic Primer 023  
Fresh Start® All Purpose Alkyd Primer 024/C024

Paint: MoorGard® 100% Acrylic Low Lustre Latex House Paint N103  
MoorGard® 100% Acrylic House and Trim Paint N096  
MoorLife® 100% Acrylic Flat Latex House Paint N105

#### Behr®

Primer: Premium Plus® Water-Based Primer and Sealer No. 436  
Premium Plus® Interior/Exterior Oil-Based Primer and Sealer No. 434

Paint: Premium Plus® Exterior Flat  
Premium Plus® Exterior Satin Enamel  
Premium Plus® Exterior Semi-Gloss Enamel

#### Dutch Boy®

Paint: Dura Weather®  
Extreme Adhesion™

#### Duron®

Primer: Bond-N-Seal™ - Exterior Latex Primer

Paint: Ultra Deluxe® - Exterior 100% Acrylic Latex Finishes  
Ultra Guard® - Exterior Acrylic Latex Finishes

#### Glidden™

Paint: Glidden Premium Exterior Latex Paint