



American Tradition Series Painting Instructions

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IMPORTANT

USE ONLY HIGH QUALITY LATEX EXTERIOR HOUSE PAINT. Use of paints containing linseed oil, lacquer or alkyd base solvents voids the warranty of this door.

DO NOT PAINT DOOR OR OVERLAY DARK COLORS. Failure to follow these specifications will void the door's warranty. Dark colors absorb excessive amounts of heat from the sun, which can result in higher than designed surface temperatures, causing the adhesive system to fail or the overlay pieces to warp. Do not paint the steel section or the overlay with a paint that has a LRV (Light Reflective Value) of less than 35.

Any garage door surface to be repainted must be properly prepared to assure the continued performance of the coating system. The following instructions must be followed to ensure proper repainting results.

1. Dirt, loose chalk and mildew must be removed prior to repainting. Heavier dirt accumulations must be addressed prior to repainting by the use of a dilute solution of Spic and Span® (1 cup into 5 gallons of warm water).

NOTE: Detergents containing greater than 0.5% phosphate are recommended *only* as a preparation *prior to repainting*. Do not use such detergents for routine cleaning.

Always rinse the surface thoroughly to remove any of the cleaning agents. Residual cleaners left on the door surface will damage the adhesion of the newly-applied paint system.

2. Minor scratches, which have not left the metal substrate exposed, can be lightly sanded or buffed to create a smoother surface. Care must be taken, however, not to expose the substrate. Once this exposed metal condition exists, the likelihood of rusting is greatly increased. Should the metal substrate be observed during this operation, see the following paragraph.
3. Exposed metal must be treated to prevent rust from forming. To do so, sand the general area lightly and use a primer specifically designed to protect any exposed galvanized steel metal from corrosion. Allow sufficient time for the primer to dry before applying the top coat. If either red or white rust is evident, scrape or brush away as much rust as possible and then sand *lightly*, removing **ALL** rust before priming; care must be taken, however, not to destroy the galvanized surface.
4. After the door has been properly prepared, **it must be coated within 24 hours using high quality latex house paint.**

NOTE: Do not use *Oil Based or enamel paints.*

The paint used must be thoroughly mixed before using. The surface must be **completely dry** prior to painting. Painting should *not* be done in the early morning. Avoid painting at temperatures below 50° F. Follow the paint manufacturer's recommendations to apply a uniform coat at the proper thickness.