



# Painting Instructions

ENVIROGUARD cellular PVC windows and millwork should be painted with standard oil base or latex paint using industry standard painting techniques after cleaning. For better paint adhesion and long-lasting color vibrancy, click to learn about our 20-year warranted pre-finishing option.

ENVIROGUARD product extrusions are cellular PVC, a vinyl-based composite. As such, they may be subject to thermal expansion and contraction at direct temperatures above 145 F degrees. Extreme dark colors may accelerate this situation, as dark colors tend to absorb a greater amount of solar heat, which can cause cellular PVC to expand and contract excessively and warping/distortion can occur. Distortion of frame and sash components, paint adhesion loss, blistering and peeling could also result. Painting ENVIROGUARD products a dark color (colors with an L value of 56 or darker (black = 0 and white = 100) can generate high localized temperatures in the product. "L Value" is a measure of lightness.

**WARNING:** Painting any ENVIROGUARD cellular PVC product with a paint color darker than L value of 56 (where black = 0 and white = 100 will forfeit the product warranty. If, despite the above warning, you should choose to paint ENVIROGUARD products a dark color (as defined above), a paint specifically designed for these applications **MUST** be used. Whichever paint manufacturer is chosen must be contacted to verify the paint's reflective properties and suitability with regard to painting cellular PVC. Precision Millworks Inc is not liable for paint used on our cellular PVC components or the result of its use.

## Detailed Finishing Instructions

- All joints and nail holes should be caulked with quality paintable caulk.
- Darker colors with a value of L-56 or below should be avoided. This value can be obtained from the manufacturer.
- Two full coats of quality oil or water-based paint should be used.
- Do not paint weather-strip.
- 1/16" to 1/8" paint overlap must be left from sash to glass to avoid water infiltration.

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## Exterior Finishing

Wood and PVC window components require painting immediately after installation. The factory applied primer is not intended for long-term exterior exposure. Please note that failure to finish your windows may void the warranty, and the warranty does not cover problems associated with improper finishing or environmental effects from exposure. Your local paint/finish store representative can best address your specific finishing needs.

Note: Exterior trim and millwork components must be inspected periodically for maintenance requirements due to movement of these members within a new or existing structure.

Touch-up paint, caulk or other sealants may be required annually.