

GARAGE DOOR DISTRIBUTORS

Painting Instructions

Use these instructions when repainting an approved garage door surface. Improper paint selection or preparation can affect performance and may void warranty coverage.

IMPORTANT

Use only **high-quality latex exterior house paint**.

Paints containing linseed oil, lacquer, or alkyd-based solvents void the warranty.

Do NOT use oil-based or enamel paints.

American Tradition(TM) Series

Do **NOT** paint the door or overlay dark colors. Dark colors absorb excessive heat, which can result in higher than designed surface temperatures, causing the adhesive system to fail or overlay pieces to warp. Do not paint the steel section or overlay with paint that has an **LRV (Light Reflective Value)** below 35.

Surface Preparation

Any garage door surface to be repainted must be properly prepared to assure continued performance of the coating system. Follow these steps carefully before painting.

1. Surface Cleaning

- Remove dirt, loose chalk, and mildew before repainting.
- For heavier dirt accumulations, use a dilute solution of Spic and Span(R): 1 cup into 5 gallons of warm water.
- Always rinse thoroughly to remove cleaning agents. Residual cleaner left on the surface will damage the adhesion of the newly applied paint system.

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

2. Surface Repair

- Minor scratches that have not exposed the metal substrate can be lightly sanded or buffed to create a smoother surface.
- Take care not to expose the substrate. Once metal is exposed, the likelihood of rusting is greatly increased.

3. Treat Exposed Metal

- Sand the general area lightly and use a primer specifically designed to protect exposed galvanized steel from corrosion.
- Allow sufficient time for the primer to dry before applying the top coat.
- If red or white rust is evident, scrape or brush away as much rust as possible, then sand lightly and remove all rust before priming. Do not destroy the galvanized surface.

4. Painting Application

- After the door has been properly prepared, coat it within 24 hours using high-quality latex exterior house paint.
- The paint must be thoroughly mixed before use, and the surface must be completely dry before painting.
- Do not paint 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.

*Excludes Commercial Aluminum Rails, Residential Aluminum Rails, and Full-View sections.