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Permalac Clearcoat FAQ

Q: What type of surface will Permalac Clearcoat work on?

A: Permalac is a very versatile coating. It can be applied to metal, masonry, and wood. It can also be applied over paints and patinas. Substrates just need to be clean and dry before application.

Q: Can you see Permalac Clearcoat once it's applied?

A: Permalac Clearcoat is water clear and will not alter the color of a substrate. Applied over polished metal, it is nearly invisible; over metal patina, it will cause a slight darkening.

Q: Will Permalac Clearcoat work on painted surfaces?

A: Yes, it can be applied over painted (acrylic, not enamel) surfaces.

Q: Will sunlight cause Permalac Clearcoat to yellow?

A: No, Permalac will not yellow from sunlight.

Q: What will Permalac Clearcoat protect against?

A: Permalac provides exceptional protection against sunlight, UV rays, moisture, and salt.

Q: How long will the average application last?

A: Under normal conditions, Permalac will last ten years.

Q: How do I apply Permalac Clearcoat?

A: Permalac can be sprayed, brushed on, rolled on, or dipped.

Q: How do I prepare the surface?

A: Surfaces should be free of grease, dust, and/or moisture. Metal surfaces can be wiped down with acetone or lacquer thinner before application.

Q: How much of an area will 1 gallon cover?

A: 1 gallon of Permalac will cover approximately 400 square feet.

Q: At what temperature is it safe to apply Permalac Clearcoat?

A: Permalac should be applied at temperatures over 50°F. In hot conditions, a slow thinner (such as #69) should be used.

Q: Can I apply Permalac Clearcoat in sunny locations?

A: Yes.

Q: Should I put a second coat on?

A: A second coat, even a third coat, is recommended.

Q: How soon can I put a second coat on?

A: A second coat can be applied as soon as the first coat is touch dry, which is usually in 15-20 minutes.

Q: What is the “cure time” for Permalac Clearcoat?

A: Permalac is fully cured after 24 hours.

Q: Do I need to remove the first Permalac Clearcoat application before I reapply in years to come?

A: Fresh Permalac can be applied over old Permalac, even years later.