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PAINTING ALUMINUM AND VINYL SIDING

CAN NEW ALUMINUM AND VINYL SIDING BE PAINTED?

New aluminum and vinyl siding should be allowed to weather at least six months before painting. The factory finish on aluminum siding may contain wax or silicone that could adversely affect adhesion of an applied paint. Vinyl siding contains a plasticizer that will also cause adhesion problems.

WHAT IS THE BEST RECOMMENDATION FOR PAINTING WEATHERED ALUMINUM SIDING?

Aluminum siding tends to chalk after weathering. The chalk should be removed prior to painting by cleaning with water and a soft scrub brush. High-pressure power washing can also be effective if done properly. Thoroughly rinse the surface and allow to dry before painting. If no chalk remains, an acrylic latex house paint such as Porter Acri Shield. If light chalk remains, prime with a chalk penetrating acrylic latex primer such as Porter 515 Acrylic Bonding Primer. Porter Acri Shield in satin finish most closely approximates the original factory finish sheen. Two coats of finish will provide a longer service life. If the siding is dented use a Flat. The more sheen, the more you notice dents and damaged spots.

WHAT IS THE BEST RECOMMENDATION FOR PAINTING WEATHERED VINYL SIDING?

Since vinyl siding does not chalk when weathered, it needs only to be washed thoroughly like any other exterior surface before painting. It can then be painted directly with an acrylic latex paint such as Porter Acri Shield. Satin Latex House Paint most closely approximates the original factory finish sheen. Two coats of finish will provide a longer service life.

NOTE: Never paint vinyl siding with colors darker than the original color. Increased heat buildup from sunlight will cause warping.