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## PRODUCT ADVICE SHEET

### ARCHITECTS' EGGSHELL

A high quality, self-priming, ambient cross linking, low odour, reinforced water based eggshell finish displaying excellent adhesion to existing aged alkyd finishes. Outstanding water resistance and excellent adhesion characteristics make this product highly suited for painting trim, kitchen furniture as well as kitchen & bathroom walls. Highly recommended for finishing radiators and is suitable for interior/exterior application.

#### PROPERTIES

GLOSS LEVEL	THEORETICAL COVERAGE	RECOMMENDED FILM THICKNESS
Eggshell (10 to 20%*)	13m <sup>2</sup> per litre (varies with surface porosity & texture)	30 microns dry, per coat.
RECOMMENDED NO. OF COATS	SURFACE DRY	TIME TO RECOAT
2	1 hour**	4 hours min**
VOLUME SOLIDS	COLOUR AVAILABILITY	PACK SIZE AVAILABILITY
35%	All Paint & Paper Library colour ranges	750ml, 2.5L & 5L

\*The final sheen level may take up to seven days to be reached, depending upon film thickness and drying conditions.

\*\*Complete cure (drying) of the coating can take up to several days, depending on the film thickness applied and the ambient drying conditions at site. The coating should not be exposed to heavy surface condensation before it is completely dry as this can cause permanent surface marking.

#### APPROVALS & STANDARDS

**QUALITY CONTROL:** Manufactured under the auspices of ISO 9001:2015 quality & ISO 14001:2015 environmental management systems.

**CHILD FRIENDLY:** BS EN71-3:2019 Safety of toys. Specification for migration of certain elements. (Test certificate available upon request)

**VOC CONTENT:** 2004/42/EC EU limit value for this product (cat. A/a WB): 30 g/l (2010). This product contains max.2g/l VOC.

**INDOOR AIR QUALITY:** This product has been tested under the regulations outlined in French Indoor Air Quality Decree No 2011-321 – Arrete April 2011 and was awarded an A.

**WASH/SCRUB RESISTANCE:** This product has been tested under the regulations DIN EN 13 300 and has been classified; Wet scrub resistance – Class 1. Gloss – Mid Sheen. Contrast Ratio – Class 1. Largest Grain Size – Fine. Theoretical Spreading Rate – 13m<sup>2</sup>/L.

#### SURFACE PREPARATION

**NEW WOOD:** For soft woods, knots should be sealed with knotting compound to prevent staining. Resinous hardwoods require cleaning. Ensure moisture content of the timber is below 15% before commencing application. Damp wood should never be painted as this may give rise to blistering, flaking, cracking and premature coating failure. Green oak should not be painted unless it has been weathered for at least 6 months.

**METALS:** New Ferrous/Nonferrous metalwork should be hand or mechanically cleaned to remove any surface rust before application. Bare or corroded Iron or Steel will require treating with 2 coats of Paint & Paper Library Architects' A.S.P..

**EXISTING PAINT FINISH:** Remove all loose and flaking paintwork. Degrease with a suitable detergent solution, such as sugar soap, followed by clean water rinse. Rub down thoroughly with a medium grade sand paper to provide a key and a defect free smooth surface, "feathering in" areas where paint has been removed. High sheen paint surfaces (such as vinyl silks) should be thoroughly sanded to provide a key. Old matt paints exposed to high humidity conditions may have degraded over time and should be treated with a priming coat by thinning with a 20% (v/v) addition of clean water to ensure surface is bound and sealed.

**PLASTICS:** For long term performance, clean and thoroughly abrade all surfaces to provide a key before application.

**NEW PLASTER WALLS:** For plaster skim, allow at least four weeks for the plaster to thoroughly dry. Apply a primer coat by thinning the paint with a 5 to 25% (v/v) addition of clean water, depending upon the porosity of the substrate. Cut in by brushing at the same dilution recommendation as for priming, to promote flow and sealing of the substrate. Finish by applying two full coats. For new, fully plastered walls, allow at least six months for the plaster to thoroughly dry before painting with Paint & Paper Library Architects' Eggshell. This product is not recommended for painting lime or other natural plasters.

**EXISTING PLASTER WALLS:** Lightly wash any existing paint work to remove any dust or surface laitance. Apply a primer coat by thinning with a 0 to 25% (v/v) addition of clean water, depending upon the porosity of the substrate.

Finish by applying at least two full coats, as required. This product is not recommended for painting previously painted lime or other natural plasters.

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## APPLICATION

Stir thoroughly before use. Do not apply to surfaces when the ambient temperature is below 8°C. Additionally, for external application, do not apply if there is a risk of rain or frost during the application or drying periods.

**BRUSHING:** Use a high-quality synthetic bristle brush that is suitably sized for the project at hand. New brushes should be conditioned by washing in clean water and thoroughly drying with a clean, lint free, cloth.

Avoid immersing brush too far into the paint to prevent paint from entering the ferrule. Avoid drips and splashes by not overloading the brush. Apply paint in even strokes and only extend painting area such that a wet edge can be easily maintained. For the highest quality appearance, keep final brush strokes all in the same direction and never go over paint that has already begun to dry.

For intricate items, or where high ambient temperatures/high air flow conditions cannot be avoided, the open time may be extended with a 10 to 15% (v/v) of a proprietary water-based paint conditioner. This advice is also applicable to large flat areas; however, use of a paint roller is the recommended application method in such cases.

Lightly rubbing down between coats will remove any dust motes and other surface contamination, producing a near professional finish.

**ROLLER:** Use a short nap wool blend type sleeve for best appearance on smooth surfaces. Increase nap length for textured surfaces, as appropriate, to ensure even and thorough coverage. Keep final strokes all in the same direction, maintaining a wet edge throughout. Never be tempted to go over already drying paint as this will lead to lap marking and flashing. When high ambient temperatures/high air flow conditions cannot be avoided, the open time may be extended with a 10 to 15% (v/v) of proprietary water-based paint conditioner.

### SPRAY FINISHING:

#### Conventional

**Thin with up to:** 40%(v/v) water  
**Tip size:** 1.60 to 2.00 mm (62 to 78 thou)  
**Air pressure:** 0.28 to 0.41 MPa (40 to 60 psi)

#### Airless

**Thin with up to:** 20%(v/v) water  
**Tip size:** 0.28 to 0.54 mm (11 to 21 thou)  
**Pressure at tip:** 12.6 to 19.6 MPa (1800 to 2800 psi)

## CLEANING

Remove excess paint and clean all equipment using clean water immediately after use. Never store brushes or roller sleeves in water as this will result in deterioration of their application performance.

## STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

Store unused paint in a cool, dry, frost free area away from direct sunlight. Ensure tin lids are securely and correctly replaced after use.

When unopened and stored under the conditions above, this product is stable for a minimum period of two years.

## AFTERCARE

**CLEANING:** For light surface soiling; use a dilute, lukewarm solution of domestic washing up liquid and a clean sponge or lint free cloth. Ensure sponge or cloth is well wetted (but not dripping), gently wipe the affected area and repeat as required.

To help prevent general build up, keep your home well ventilated during activities likely to contribute to oil and grease accumulation, like cooking. Tackle dust generated from DIY by, preferably, collecting at source or thorough vacuum cleaning.

To prevent marking, always use a soft brush attachment to vacuum clean adjacent surfaces.

**SPECIAL CARE:** Avoid placing heavy objects onto the surface for at least a week after painting. Bookshelves and other frequently used surfaces may benefit from a very light application of beeswax polish to help prevent marking over the long term.

**REPAIR:** Lightly rub down area to be repainted, apply suitable primer to any exposed substrate. Repaint item "break to break" with one or two coats as required. Spot repairs will almost always result in inferior aesthetic appearance.

**DISPOSAL & RECYCLING:** Dispose of excess or waste paint via a licensed waste handling operator. Empty metal containers may be recycled (remove plastic handle on 2.5L and 5L tins).

**HEALTH & SAFETY:** Always read the label on the can before use. Ensure maximum ventilation during application and drying. Consult product material safety data sheet for further details.

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