

PRODUCT ADVICE SHEET

Exterior Eggshell

All Farrow & Ball paints are eco friendly with low or minimal VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) content and are water based giving them a low odour and quick drying time which benefits both you and the environment.

Available Tin Sizes: ,750 ml,2.5 L,,

In all Farrow & Ball colours. Available direct from Farrow & Ball (visit farrow-ball.com, email: sales@farrow-ball.com or call: +44 (0) 1202 876141), our Showrooms and selected stockists internationally.

Product Overview:

A versatile finish with a silky 20% sheen, Exterior Eggshell adds lasting colour to almost anything in your outdoor space, from wooden window frames and cladding to metal guttering and railings. Our flexible resin rich formula gently expands and contracts with the weather to avoid flaking, peeling and fading for up to six years. Not suitable for use on plastic. Not suitable for exterior decking or other pressure treated wood.

Recommended Primer & Undercoats:

For use on exterior woodwork : Farrow & Ball Exterior Wood Primer & Undercoat

For use on metal : Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat

Priming & Undercoating Advice:

Priming & undercoating is necessary to seal surfaces and prevent uneven absorption of finishing coats, to promote adhesion to various substrates and inter-coat adhesion between subsequent finishing coats and to provide a solid basecoat for a significant change in colour. Some top coat colours may benefit from two coats of Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone to achieve maximum colour development and opacity.

Ferrous Metal Preparation:

Thoroughly clean and degrease new and previously painted metal surfaces. Remove any weak paint and rust back to bare metal. Apply two coats of Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat, and allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats. Cast Iron: We recommend that a specialist primer is applied to Cast Iron surfaces prior to painting as water-based primers may lead to flash rusting.

Non Ferrous Metal Preparation:

Thoroughly clean and degrease new and previously painted metal surfaces. Remove any weak paint and lightly sand surface to improve adhesion of your primer & undercoat. Apply two coats of Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat, and allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

Galvanised Metal Preparation:

Treat all surfaces with an Etch Primer or Mordant Solution, ensuring any excess product is removed before you begin painting. Apply two coats of Farrow & Ball Metal Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat, and allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.

Knotty or Resinous Wood Preparation:

Heat the knot to draw out any excess resin (we recommend using a hot air paint stripper). Scrape off any residue resin, and then thoroughly clean the area with white or methylated spirit. Allow the area to dry thoroughly before continuing.

Exterior Bare Wood Surface Preparation:

Ensure surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Fill any cracks, holes and open joints with a water based exterior wood filler. To improve the paint's adhesion, lightly sand the surface. In environments where wood rotting fungi is likely to occur, treat with exterior wood preservative prior to priming. Prepare any knotty or resinous areas as above and patch prime with Farrow & Ball Wood Knot & Resin Blocking Primer. Apply one coat of Farrow & Ball Exterior Wood Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat, and allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats. Please note: Repeatedly repairing cracks, holes and open joints in a surface may indicate that the surface is nearing the end of its life and will require additional effort to maintain it. If this is the case consider renewal or replacement.

Exterior Previously Painted Wood Surface Preparation:

Ensure all surfaces are sound, clean, dry and free from dirt, grease and other contamination. Remove any areas of paint which are peeling or blistering as flaking or peeling can occur if you paint over weak paint layers. Blend and 'feather' the edges of areas of old paint, as this helps to smooth out the surface. Fill any cracks, holes and open joints with a water based exterior wood filler. Lightly sand the surface to improve paint adhesion. In environments where wood rotting fungi is likely to occur, treat with exterior wood preservative prior to priming. Prepare any knotty or resinous areas as above and patch prime with Farrow & Ball Wood Knot & Resin Blocking Primer. Apply one coat of Farrow & Ball Exterior Wood Primer & Undercoat, in the correct colour tone for your top coat (and allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats). Then apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats. Please note: Repeatedly repairing cracks, holes and open joints in a surface may indicate that the surface is nearing the end of its life and will require additional effort to maintain it. If this is the case consider renewal or replacement.

Waxed or Highly Polished Surface Preparation: <p>If you are painting onto previously waxed or highly polished surfaces, you will need to remove the existing coating of treatment by sanding back prior to painting. We recommend testing a small area as Farrow & Ball paints may not be compatible with some waxes and polishes.</p>
Painting Over Putty: <p>If replacement putty is required for new or existing glazing, for best results use an acrylic based glazing putty which is designed to work well with modern water based paints and primers. Bare wood must first be primed with an undiluted coat of Farrow & Ball Exterior Wood Primer & Undercoat, including the end grain, and allowed to dry for a minimum of 4 hours before applying the glazing putty. Apply the glazing putty following the manufacturer's application instructions and drying times before applying your chosen Farrow & Ball finish as follows: Exterior Eggshell and Full Gloss – Apply an undiluted coat of Farrow & Ball Exterior Wood Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone for your top coat (allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats) followed by 2 coats of your chosen top coat (once again allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats). Ensure the glass is thoroughly clean and overlap the final top coat onto the glass by approximately 1mm to achieve a seal.</p>
Painting Over Exterior Wood Fillers: <p>Follow the filler manufacturer's application instructions and drying times and patch prime with Farrow & Ball Wood Knot & Resin Blocking Primer. Apply a coat of Farrow & Ball exterior Wood Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone for your top coat. Allow a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats. Apply two coats of your chosen Farrow & Ball finish, allowing the correct drying time between coats.</p>
Painting Interior Brickwork: <p>Interior brickwork must be completely dry and free of damp before painting. Interior brickwork which is powdery, flaky or unstable should first be patch primed using one coat of Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer. The following Farrow & Ball finishes may be applied to interior brickwork: For Full Gloss, Estate Eggshell and Exterior Eggshell – Apply an undiluted coat of Farrow & Ball Interior Wood Primer & Undercoat in the correct colour tone for your top coat (and allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats) followed by 2 coats of your chosen top coat (once again allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats). For Exterior Masonry – apply 2 coats directly, allowing a minimum of 5 hours drying time between coats. Do not use Farrow & Ball Masonry & Plaster Stabilising Primer as a general primer on sound brick surfaces.</p>
Painting Terracotta: <p>The following Farrow & Ball finishes may be applied to terracotta: Exterior Masonry, Full Gloss and Exterior Eggshell – 2 coats may be applied directly (allowing a minimum of 4 hours drying time between coats).</p>
Masking: <p>Masking tapes are available in a range of tack levels. Always use a quality masking tape which is appropriate to the decorating project. Some masking tapes incorporate proprietary paint locking technology which can give a superior result.</p>
Difficult Surfaces (e.g. Melamine, PVC, ABS, Wall Tiles, Laminates etc.): <p>Difficult surfaces such as melamine, PVC, ABS, wall tiles and laminates will require careful preparation prior to painting. The surface may need to be degreased with a proprietary cleaner, lightly abraded to achieve a physical key and thoroughly cleaned prior to any coating being applied. Best results will then be achieved by applying a specialist adhesion primer following the manufacturer's instructions prior to applying your chosen Farrow & Ball finish.</p>
Cleaning Surfaces Prior to Painting: <p>Before painting, all surfaces must be clean and dry. For most surfaces we would recommend using a dilute Sugar Soap solution following the manufacturer's instructions. We do not recommend using solvent-based cleaning products as these may widely disperse the residue making water-based product application difficult.</p>
How to Apply Paint to Trim by Brush: <p>Stir thoroughly before use. By 'trim' we mean: skirting boards, picture rails, dado rails, doors, door frames and architraves, interior window sills and window frames (providing they aren't plastic). Farrow & Ball paints are water borne, and unlike solvent borne paints, water borne paint is more resistant to sagging and you will achieve the best finish by painting a thicker coat. For best results use a quality fine-tipped synthetic bristled paint brush (e.g. Farrow & Ball Paint Brush). Load the brush well and apply a generous first coat. Brushing first in a vertical direction then in a horizontal direction until an even coating has been applied. Finish by 'laying off' the paint in one direction using light pressure, with the brush held at an angle of approximately 30°. Do not "overwork" the paint or attempt to brush it out in thin even coats as you would a traditional solvent borne paint as this may create excess brush marks. Allow to dry completely (for a minimum of 4 hours) before applying a second coat following the same technique as before.</p>
How to Apply Paint to Trim by Roller: <p>Stir thoroughly before use. By 'trim' we mean: skirting boards, picture rails, dado rails, doors, door frames and architraves, interior window sills and window frames (providing they aren't plastic). This paint finish can also be applied using a Medium Pile Woven Polyester Roller. This will provide a good finish with minimal stippling and is a quick method of application. However, where an optimum finish is required, we would recommend brush application using a Farrow & Ball fine-tipped, synthetic bristled brush.</p>
Preparation for Spraying: <p>When spraying Farrow & Ball paints onto any given surface, it is important to remember that the resulting finish will only be as good as the surface you are applying it to. Most surfaces will need to be clean and degreased, prepared by surface filling, sanding and then suitably primed/undercoated. Flattening with finishing papers in between coats as required, to achieve a smooth flat surface before spraying your chosen Farrow & Ball finish. This process may need to be repeated several times to obtain a satisfactory surface, which is suitable for the type of finish that is desired.</p>
Spray Settings: <p>Warning! Hazardous respirable droplets may be formed when sprayed. Do not breathe spray or mist. Airless Spraying – Best results can be achieved with a typical set up of a 410 nozzle tip and 60 bar air injection pressure. Note that these are typical settings for most airless spray systems and some adjustment of the air pressure in relation to the nozzle tip will be required depending on the make and model of airless spray apparatus used. HVLP Spraying – Depending on the apparatus used, the paint may need to be diluted with water by up to 30%. Experiment with air control valve, material flow adjustment, fan size and spray pattern settings on a piece of cardboard or an inconspicuous area until a satisfactory finish is achieved. Apply several thin coats, allowing each coat to dry fully before applying the next one.</p>

Application Information:
Do not paint in temperatures below 10°C or in excessive heat above 30°C. Avoid painting in direct sunlight. Avoid applying outdoors if there is a likelihood of rain. For best results apply early in the day, allowing the product time to dry before the evening (when condensation can occur). This product should be applied in accordance with Annex C of BS 6150: Code of practice for painting of buildings.
Coverage Rate (m2/l per coat): : Up to 13 Drying Time: : Dry in 2 hours. Typical Recoat Time: : Recoat after 4 hours Sheen Level: : 20 % Curing Time: : Please note that some darker paint colours will take up to 14 days to achieve full hardness, strength and durability.
Recommended Number of Coats: : 2*
*Darker/stronger colours may require additional coats. Please note: The drying and Recoat times provided are based on applying paint in normal conditions – drying times may be longer in cooler and/or higher humidity environments. Darker colours may take longer to dry. Allow a minimum of 14 days before applying over solvent based coatings.
Density: : 1.2 – 1.4 g/cc Wet Film Thickness: : 80 – 120 µm Application Humidity: : < 80 % RH Wet Abrasion Class: : 1 Substrate Moisture Content: : Exterior Wood = < 15 % , Interior Brick = < 1 %
Water Absorption according to DIN EN 1062 3 (w24 [kg/m2√24h]):
0.02 (Class III, limit <0.1). This is the volume of water absorbed into a 1m2 area through the paint surface within a 24 hour period. The lower the w24 value, the more waterproof the paint film. Paint water absorption is class rated, from Class I to Class III. Class III in this instance denotes the highest waterproof rating. We are pleased to confirm that Farrow & Ball Estate Eggshell is rated – Class III (Low).
Water Vapour Permeability according to DIN EN ISO 7783 2 (sd [m]):
0.125 (Class I, limit <0.14). This is the resistance of the paint film to water vapour expressed as the equivalent thickness of air in metres. The lower the sd value the more breathable the paint film. Paint breathability is class rated, from Class I to Class III. Class I in this instance denotes the highest level of breathability. We are pleased to confirm that Farrow & Ball Exterior Eggshell has the highest rating – Class I (High).
Colour Accuracy:
Check for colour accuracy prior to use as Farrow & Ball will not be liable for decorating costs caused as a result of an incorrect colour being applied. When more than one tin of the same colour is to be used ensure that batch numbers are identical or intermix before use. Stir thoroughly before use. Please note that different application tools (e.g. brush, roller, spray) may give a slight visual difference in the final colour.
Cleaning:
Wipe gently with a soft damp cloth or sponge.
Cleaning Surface Stains:
Although this Farrow & Ball finish is stain resistant, any long term visible effects can be minimised by following these recommendations: 1. Always try to remove the stain as soon as possible. The longer the stain remains on the surface the more likely it is to permeate into the surface. 2. Absorb as much of the stain as possible using a clean, absorbent tissue or cloth. 3. Clean gently with warm soapy water and a strong cloth keeping the area you work over to a minimum. 4. More stubborn stains may require treatment with Decorator's cleaning wipes or cleaning spray. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
Clean Up:
Remove as much product as possible from brushes or rollers. Clean brushes / rollers with warm soapy water.
Storage Advice:
This product is water based and must be protected from frost and extreme temperatures. Use within 6 months of purchase. We accept no responsibility for the deterioration of contents or packaging after this date.
Environmental & Disposal Advice:
Do not empty into drains or watercourses. Dispose of contents/container to waste disposal site in accordance with local/national regulations. Contact the local Environmental Department for disposal instructions. Metal containers may be recycled.
VOC Content Information:
EU limit value for this product (cat. A/[dl]): 130g/l (2010). This product contains max 2g/l VOC.
Formulation:
A water based paint made using an acrylic binder. Contains a wide spectrum preservative to protect surfaces against algal and fungal attack.

Health & Safety Advice:

Warning! Hazardous respirable droplets may be formed when sprayed. Do not breathe spray or mist. Keep out of reach of children. Ensure good ventilation during application and drying. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water. Do not use solvent thinners or White Spirit. IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. IF SWALLOWED: Call a doctor if you feel unwell. Safety data sheet available on request. When sanding any surface prior to painting, the creation of dust should be kept to a minimum and adequate & suitable Respiratory Protective Equipment (RPE) should be worn as a sensible precaution.

Lead Advice:

Special precautions should be taken during the preparation of old paint surfaces (especially those from pre-1970), as they may contain harmful lead. For further advice and guidance see coatings.org.uk/paintsafe.

Contact Us:

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