

Paint Terminology

Terms	Definitions
100% Acrylic Latex	Great coverage, excellent adhesion, and ability to expand and contract while sticking to all surface types.
Alkali Resistance	Reduces white salt residue which can appear on masonry surfaces.
Block Resistance	Capability of paint, when applied to two surfaces, not to stick to itself upon contact when pressure is applied.
Burnish Resistance	Capability to resist the increase in gloss or sheen of the paint film when rubbed, scrubbed or brushed up against; more noticeable in darker colors.
Ceramic Microspheres	Opaque fine particles used to replace inexpensive fillers to improve hardness and add burnish, scrub and abrasion resistance.
Flow and Leveling	Provides a smoother film resulting in improved applied hiding. This means there is a more uniform film on the surface...fewer peaks and valleys.
Low Temperature Capabilities	Apply to exterior products at temperatures down to 35 degrees Fahrenheit instead of the normal 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
Mildewcide+Algaecide	Combination of these two ingredients keeps the surface from allowing mold, mildew and algae growth for a longer period of time.
Pigmentation	Pigment is a component of paint. It is a coloring material usually a finely ground powder which does not dissolve. It is suspended in a liquid vehicle to become the coloring material in paint.
Scrub Resistance	Interior walls can be washed without damaging the paint film. The higher the scrubs the longer the paint film will last before it erodes through to the previous layer.
Surface Modifier	Paint additive that reduces the ability of dirt and airborne pollutants to stick to the paint surface. Your surface looks cleaner longer.
Vinyl Acrylic	Vinyl modified acrylic latex typically used in less expensive paints.