



Instructions for Stripping and Repainting a Smooth Steel Door

- It is recommended that you remove the door from the opening when stripping it. If any of the paint stripper gets on other items, the paint will come off them as well or damage may occur to carpet, flooring, etc...
- Use a paint stripper or paint remover that you can purchase at a hardware store or paint supply store.
- Follow the manufacturers' instructions on the paint stripping product to remove all the paint from the door.
- If any rust or corrosion is present on the steel door, remove it as much as possible with a wire brush.
- Apply a "zinc rich steel primer" to the entire surface of the door and apply two (2) coats to any previously rusty areas. (If you do not find this product at the hardware store or paint supply store, an automotive parts store should have it available.)
- Follow the manufacturers' instructions for the steel prime paint.
- It is recommended that you top coat the door with a quality exterior grade acrylic latex paint.
- Let the door dry thoroughly before closing it against the perimeter weather-stripping or it will be inclined to pull paint off the surface.

General Maintenance Guide for Stainable Steel or Woodgrain Fiberglass

Doors

- To re-touch any scratches that may have developed, use a Q-tip and stain straight from the tube or artist oil and lightly apply to the door. Dab off excess with a soft cloth and let dry thoroughly.
- Apply Helmsman Spar Urethane Clear Semi-Gloss (or other similar urethane with strong UV protection) over touched-up areas with a soft bristle brush.

Periodic Top-Coat Maintenance for Stainable Steel or Woodgrain Fiberglass

Doors:

- Before proceeding, protect carpet or flooring with appropriate material or remove slab from opening.
- Clean door and window frame with Tri-sodium Phosphate (available at most hardware and paint stores) following manufacturers' instructions. This will remove any dirt, grease, etc. from the door, which may prevent the topcoat from adhering.
- Once the door is cleaned and dried, a top-coat of Helmsman Spar Urethane Clear Semi-Gloss (or other similar urethane with strong UV protection) can be applied. A soft bristle brush is recommended to prevent brush marks in topcoat.
- The frequency of this maintenance depends on the amount of sunlight exposure and degree of protection by an overhang, etc. A general rule of thumb would be every two years.



Stripping & Staining Instructions

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- Use a paint stripper or paint remover that you can purchase at a hardware store or paint supply store. Use either a water-wash or solvent-based stripper.
- Follow the manufacturers' instructions on the paint stripping product to remove all the paint, urethane and or stain from the door.
- You may want to use a brush to remove the stain from grooves. If so, use a stiff bristle brush, such as a finger-nail brush. **DO NOT USE A WIRE BRUSH.**
- After the finish is removed, you need to neutralize the stripper with:
 - Water for water-wash
 - Paint thinner for solvent-base
- Stripping the door will also remove the special primer applied at the factory. This special primer is called "NAMASCO BEIGE" and can be purchased from your dealer.
 - Namasco Beige is also available from Sherwin Williams
 - Part # F63WXH0514-1401
 - Polane 700T
 - Namasco Beige 100%
- Once door has dried thoroughly, following staining instructions included with stain kit available from your local dealer.



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