Valspar® Prep Step® Whole House Primer

No. 981 series

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Valspar® Prep Step® Whole House is an exterior latex primer is an ideal primer for siding, foundations, trim and other exterior surfaces. The 100% acrylic formula will improve the adhesion, durability and uniformity of the paint topcoat and allow for improved resistance to blistering and peeling. It's formulated to block tannin stains on redwood and cedar plus provides a mildew resistant finish* and can be used with latex or oil paints.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- Ideal for siding, trim and foundations
- Improves topcoat adhesion, durability and finish
- Creates a mold-, mildew- & fungi-resistant finish*
- Apply in temperatures as low 35°F
- 100% acrylic
- Blocks stains – including tannins

RECOMMENDED USES

- Bare wood
- Masonry
- Brick
- Fiber cement siding
- Vinyl
- Stucco
- Aluminum
- Galvanized metal
- Previously painted surfaces

SHIPPING AND PACKAGING

Freight Classification: Paint or paint related material. Protect from freezing.

Packaging:

Gallon – 4 per carton
Quart – 4 per carton
5 Gallon Pail

COMPOSITION

	Base and Fill Levels (oz./gal.)
White	128

*Contains a preservative to inhibit the growth of mildew on the surface of the coating.

APPLICATION AND CLEANUP

Application: Stir thoroughly. Intermix containers to ensure uniform color. Apply with a premium-quality roller, premium quality synthetic brush or airless sprayer. If applying by spray, back-roll or back-brush to work paint into the surface. Apply a liberal coat of primer uniformly, working well into the surface. Surface conditions and application technique can also impact coverage.

Cleanup: Clean up with warm, soapy water.

Airless Spray:

Pressure: 2000 PSI
Tip: 0.015–0.019"

Brush: premium-quality nylon or polyester brush
Roller: premium quality synthetic, 3/8 – 1/2" nap

SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

Wood:

1 Coat Valspar® Prep Step® Whole House Primer
1-2 Coats Valspar® Paint

Masonry/Brick/Stucco:

1 Coat Valspar® Prep Step® Whole House Primer
1-2 Coats Valspar® Paint

Galvanized Metal/Aluminum:

1 Coat Valspar® Prep Step® Whole House Primer
1-2 Coats Valspar® Paint

Previously Painted Surfaces:

1 Coat Valspar® Prep Step® Whole House Primer
1-2 Coats Valspar® Paint

Note: If using over stained areas, allow to dry 4 hours, apply test area with preferred topcoat. If bleeding occurs use an oil-based primer or other appropriate stain-blocking primer.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Vehicle Type: 100% Acrylic Resin
Pigment Type: Titanium dioxide
Viscosity: 95-105 Krebs Units
Sheen: 0–9 Units @ 85° angle
Flashpoint: N/A
VOC: < 50 g/L as per 40 CFR 59.406
Volume Solids: 26%
Weight Solids: 40%
Weight Per Gallon: 10.21 lbs./gal
Practical Coverage: Up to 400 sq. ft. per gallon (37 m^2 per 3.78 L) depending on surface porosity.
Recommended Film Thickness:
4.0 mil Wet 1.0 mil Dry
Dry Time @ 77 °F and 50% Relative Humidity
To Touch: 1 minutes
Recoat: 2 hours for latex
24 hours for oil

Washing Instructions: Wait at least 7 days before washing with a mild detergent and soft sponge
Application Temperature: 35–90 °F (1.7–32 °C)
Storage Temperature: 40–90 °F (5–32 °C)

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Current as of: 12/21/2020

SCAQMD	Yes
CARB 2000 SCM	Yes
CARB 2007 SCM	Yes
OTC/LADCO	Yes
US National	Yes

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not freeze. Keep container closed when not in use. Do not transfer contents to other containers for storage or disposal. In case of spills, absorb with inert material such as sand or kitty litter. Dispose of empty container or unused portion in accordance with local, state and federal regulations.

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SURFACE PREPARATION

General:

Read the Lead Warning paragraph.

Surfaces must be clean, dry and dull prior to application. Thoroughly clean the surface and allow to dry. Remove loose, peeling paint. Scrape and sand peeled or damaged paint. All dust should be removed.

Wood:

Sand wood smooth and patch holes and imperfections with exterior paintable wood filler or putty and sand smooth. Remove all sanding dust.

Cement/Concrete:

New concrete, masonry surfaces and mortar should be cured, usually 30 days. Remove all form release or curing agents. Remove all loose material or dust. Spot prime soft concrete or masonry surfaces with appropriate masonry conditioner.

Brick:

Masonry surfaces and mortar should be fully cured, usually 30 days. Remove all loose material or dust.

Fiber Cement Boards:

Wash thoroughly and allow to dry before priming.

Galvanized Metal and Aluminum:

New galvanized surfaces should be allowed to age 6 months before painting. All bare iron and steel surfaces should be primed with an appropriate metal oil primer.

Previously Painted Surfaces:

Remove all dirt, dust, grease and oils by using a non-residue cleaner to clean the surface. Scrape off any loose, cracked or peeling paint. Patch cracks and nail holes. Sand smooth, then prime entire surface or spot prime patches.

Stained surfaces:

Clean the surface thoroughly and allow to dry before applying primer. Allow to dry for 4 hours after priming and apply your paint in a test area to validate blocking prior to painting your whole area. If the stain bleeds through, apply another coat of primer and allow to dry overnight. Then retest a small area with paint.

LEAD WARNING

WARNING! Removal of old paint by sanding, scraping or other means may generate dust or fumes that contain lead. Exposure to lead dust or fumes may cause brain damage or other adverse health effects, especially in children or pregnant women. Controlling exposure to lead or other hazardous substances requires the use of proper protective equipment, such as a properly fitted respirator (NIOSH approved) and proper containment and cleanup. For more information, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (in US) or contact your local health authority.

WARRANTY

Satisfaction Guaranteed – Limited Warranty

This product is warranted to perform to your satisfaction at the time of application when applied to a properly prepared residential surface in accordance with the label directions and excludes failure due to deterioration of the underlying surface, structural defects or failure of previous product. If the product fails to perform to your satisfaction, return any unused portion to the store with proof-of-purchase and you will receive, as your sole remedy under this warranty, your choice of additional product of equal value or a full refund. THIS WARRANTY EXCLUDES LABOR OR THE COST OF LABOR FOR THE APPLICATION OF ANY PRODUCT AND EXCLUDES ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

MILDEW

Mildew is a fungus that looks like dirt, but won't wash off. Mildew must be removed before painting or it will grow through any new coat of paint. To remove mildew or suspected mildew, scrub surface before painting with a commercial mildew remover or a solution of 1 part liquid chlorine bleach to 3 parts water. Rinse thoroughly. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Protect skin and eyes by wearing rubber gloves and eye goggles when working with bleach solution.

CAUTIONS

Use only with adequate ventilation. To avoid overexposure, open windows and doors or use other means to ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. If you experience eye watering, headaches, or dizziness, increase fresh air, or wear respiratory protection (**NIOSH** approved) or leave the area. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wash hands after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Do not transfer contents to other containers for storage. **FIRST AID:** In case of eye contact, flush thoroughly with large amounts of water. Get medical attention if irritation persists. If swallowed, call Poison Control Center, hospital emergency room, or physician immediately. **WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. **DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY. KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.**

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First Aid: Eye Contact: Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation persists, get medical attention.* **If Inhaled:** If affected by inhalation of vapor or spray mist, move to fresh air. If breathing difficulty continues, get medical attention.* **If Swallowed:** Drink 2 glasses of water. Get medical attention immediately.*

*Call poison control center, hospital emergency room or physician immediately.

For additional safety and chronic health hazard information, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for this product.

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