

PREPARATION

TIMING

Time allotted to finish door in order to comply with warranty:

- 6 months from installation date on Fiberglass.

DOOR PREP

Door may be finished while hanging in the door frame or removed from the jamb (Fortis recommends finishing the door out of the frame on a flat, horizontal surface). If finished in the door frame, remove all hardware including weatherstrip. Weatherstrip may be removed by gently pulling it out. Reinsert by pushing back in once the door has completely dried.

- We recommend finishing doors:
 - In a horizontal position on a padded surface.
 - Out of direct sunlight.
 - Above 50 degrees and below 90 degrees Fahrenheit, or according to manufacturer's instructions.
 - In a dew-free environment.
 - In a dust-free environment.
- Allow doors to acclimate to local conditions for at least 24 hours.
- For maximum paint adhesion on Fortis doors, lightly scuff the surfaces with 220-grit sandpaper. Do not over sand or remove manufactured finish.
- Clean all surfaces with a lint free rag, mild detergent and water or TSP (Tri-sodium phosphate solution) and allow to fully dry.
- Clean all Fiberglass door surfaces with a lint free rag and denatured alcohol then allow to fully dry.
- If the door contains glass insert and exhibits excess sealant or squeeze out, follow the guidelines below:
 - Spray the area with standard glass cleaner.
 - Carefully score the excess sealant with a utility knife at a 45-degree angle
 - Use caution not to scratch the glass.
- An exterior grade primer prior to painting is recommended on Fiberglass doors. Never use lacquer thinner.

PAINTING SATIN SMOOTH DOOR

MATERIALS NEEDED

The following list of materials is a general list required for painting doors properly. Not all materials and tools may be required based on the finishing project.

- Safety Glasses & Rubber/Latex Gloves
- Dust Mask/Respirator Suitable for Painting
- 2 Stir Sticks
- Screwdriver
- Hammer
- Punch
- Utility Knife
- Paintbrush/Roller or Sprayer
- Denatured Alcohol
- Masking Tape
- Sandpaper (220-grit) or 3M stripping pad
- Clean Lint Free Cloth
- Paint Thinner or Mineral Spirits (Clean-Up)
- Exterior Grade Primer
- Paint (Exterior Grade High-Quality Acrylic Latex)

PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Once door has been prepped, put on protective gloves.
- Using an exterior grade, high-quality acrylic latex paint, mix contents thoroughly according to manufacturer
- Apply paint to door using a sprayer, roller or brush. Refer to paint manufacturer's instructions for best results by application
- Allow paint to fully dry per manufacturer's instructions.
- Flip door on to clean, padded surface and repeat process for second side.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for applying additional coats.
- If the door contains glass insert, follow door glass frame finishing instructions.

PAINTING TIPS:

- Fortis Satin Smooth Fiberglass Doors are manufactured with a brush-stroke finish which promotes superior paint-adherence.
- If painted door is exposed to direct sunlight, darker color finishes may deteriorate quickly and require frequent inspection and maintenance.