PRIMERS

MULTIPURPOSE WATER-BASED PRIMERS



Flints Multi Purpose Primer Flints popular water-based primer is suitable for painting wood, steel and plastics, and it is excellent as a substitute for etch primer. It is not suitable for electrostatic spraying. The water base ensures there are no unpleasant fumes. This product will provide a long-lasting protection for steel. The surface of the material should be free from grease before application.

Like other water-based products it takes longer to cure than solventbased. Flints Matt Black Primer can also be used for masking out the back of BP screens. It adheres well and provides a completely opaque covering. Covers approx 12 m² per litre. Matt finish. Touch dry in 20-30 minutes, fully cured 7 days.

✓ Low odour
✓ No fire risk during use
✓ Environmentally sound

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Flints Multi-Purpose Primer	code	5 L	5+
Black	PAT117	£54.71	£51.00
White	PAT118	£57.49	£54.00



Zinsser Bulls Eye 1-2-3 A universal interior and exterior, water-based, primer-sealer. It offers low odour application, quick-drying convenience and excellent adhesion to glossy surfaces. It offers excellent adhesion, without sanding, to hardto-stick surfaces. Bulls Eye® 1-2-3 also prevents rust formation when applied over clean steel. Bulls Eye® 1-2-3 is great for blocking stains. It permanently and

completely seals graffiti, grease spots, tar and asphalt – inside and out. It dries to a smooth, tight, water-resistant film that is perfect for painting metal fabrications, steel doors, metal panels, duct work, galvanised gutters – any interior or exterior metal surface. It has a 35 minute touch dry time and is recoatable in just 1 hour. Covers 10 m2 per litre. Rosco Colorcoat [page 55] is also waterborne and can be used as a primer.

Zinsser Bulls Eye 1-2-3 (White) size	code	list	price
1L	PATZN1231		£21.25
5 L	PATZN1235	£82.22	£75.00



Rosco Tough Prime A unique waterbased primer which has special adhesion properties that allow it to bond onto hard-to-prime materials, including PVC

pipe, aluminium and plastics, as well as muslin, wood and foam core. Dries to a tough, durable coating that can be overpainted. Although touch dry in half an hour, this paint will require between 24 and 48 hours to fully cure to its maximum strength. Suitable for indoor and outdoor use. Covers 9 – 10 m² per litre.

Rosco Tough Prime	code	3.79 L	code	18.95 L
Black	R0S36055	£75.75	R0S66055	£313.00
White	R0S36045	£75.75	R0S66045	£313.00

Bristol ExpoMulti A high adhesion water-based paint for glass fibre, epoxy-painted steel and other hard-to-paint surfaces such as dance floors. Stocked in White, it can be overcoated with colours from the Bristol Primary Palette [see page 18]. For interior use.

Bristol ExpoMulti	code	2.5 L	code	5 L
White	BRIEPM3	£44.77	BRIEPM5	£77.35

MULTIPURPOSE OIL-BASED PRIMERS



Epifanes Multi Marine Primer Epifanes manufacture a large range of superior quality primers for exacting marine use. Multi Marine Primer can be used on steel, wood, glass fibre, aluminium, galvanised and stainless steel! It has a satin finish which can be attractive just left or it can be overcoated with one- <u>and two-</u>

<u>component paints.</u> In fact, it is the only single-component paint that I know of that can be overcoated with a two-component paint. Clean up with white spirit. Sandable after 6 hours, recoatable after 12 hours [48 hours for two-part products]. Available in White, Grey or Red Oxide.

✓ Super versatile primer ✓ Very tough finish

Epifanes Multi Ma	rine Primer	750 m	[2 L		4 L
White	PATEMMW750	£24.57	PATEMMW2	£52.95	PATEMMW4	£104.81
Grey	PATEMMG750	£24.57	PATEMMG2	£52.95	PATEMMG4	£104.81
Red Oxide	PATEMMB750	£24.51	PATEMMB2	£52.95	-	-

WOOD AND MDF PRIMERS

MDF - To Prime or Not to Prime

MDF is very absorbent and some poorer quality boards can sometimes develop a slightly textured surface after paint application. This is caused by the fibres expanding, especially when water-based products are used. This is not normally much of a concern with scenic items and MDF is often just rolled with water-based paints with no problem at all. However, try not to soak the boards too much and encourage good drying conditions by working in a well heated and ventilated workshop. Rapid drying will help to prevent the fibres from swelling. If your work includes detailed joints or is to receive a high gloss finish then a coat of shellac [page 52] or a specialised fast drying MDF Primer should be used prior to painting.



Coo-var Water-Based MDF Primer Undercoat Rapid drying water-based primer undercoat ideal where same day application of the finishing coat is required. Interior and exterior. Surface dry in 30 minutes, thoroughly dry in 2 hours. Covers 9-11 m² per litre.

Coo-var Water-based MDF Pi	imer (White)	code	2.5 L
		PATMDFP	£43.60



Epifanes Woodprimer A traditional one-component primer based on alkyd resins. For use on bare wood, with good filling, building and covering properties. Clean up with white spirit. Recoatable after 24 hours. Covers 8-12 m² per 750 ml. See also Epifanes gloss enamels [page 65].

Epifanes Woodprimer White Grey

code	750 ml
PAT993W	£19.00
PAT993G	£20.16

To seal flame retarded boards to paint or glue see Shellac [page 60].

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HATO®Stage This new synthetic resin based paint from Haussmann leaves a very impressive black scratch resistant finish. It is designed to be used on newly laid stage floors or new rostra tops as a finish which will be much more durable than can be expected from waterborne paints. See page 7 for full details.



metalprime

Epifanes Metal Primer White Grey



component] An anti-corrosive steel primer based on zinc phosphate and a urethane/alkyd resin. Apply directly to degreased rust-free steel. For use above the waterline. Thinners: white spirit. 750 ml will cover 10 m². See also Multi Marine Primer on the previous page.

code	750 ml
PAT994W	£21.87
PAT994G	£21.86

2.5 L

£37.29

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Rustins Red Oxide Water-based formulation. Smooth application, and easy clean up. Also useful as a base for Gold Leaf [page 37]. See also the red oxide-coloured Multi Marine Primer on the previous page and the Plasti-kote aerosol red oxidecoloured primer [page 66].

code

PAT0962N

Rustins Red Oxide code

PAT0961N

1 L

£16.14



Ambersil Cold Galvanising Spray [Galvafroid] Zinc-rich spray for steel with a grey weathered appearance which provides a protective coating to ISO 1461:1999. 99% pure zinc content, 61% content in cured film. Sacrificial coating protects from corrosion. Excellent for touching up galvanised fittings and tubes after site welding.

alvafroid	code	400 ml
	PATCGS1	£13.10



Ambersil Galva Colour 2 in 1 Black Spray 2-in-1 primer and top coat spray paint enhanced with Zinc Phosphate; it can be sprayed directly onto rusty or chipped paint surface to provide corrosion resistance. Satin Finish. Great for respraying Stage Weights. Available in White (RAL9010) & Black (RAL9005)

Galva 2-in-1	code	400 ml
Black	PAT20679	£14.12
White	PAT20681	£14.12



Owatrol Penetrating rust inhibitor which stops rust and protects the base metal from further rusting. Penetrates and protects down to the sound metal driving out moisture and air. It stabilises and leaves a bonding film on all surfaces. Excellent adhesion including galvanised materials, aluminium, zinc and wood. Maintains the natural look of the surface [metal, wood, etc.]. Enhanced adhesion, ideal foundation

for primers or finishing coats. Allows paint to be applied direct to firm rust. Heat resistant up to +175° C. Also a brilliant paint conditioner. Just add about 5 - 10% to any oil-based paint [which uses white spirit to clean up] and wave goodbye to brush marks!

Owatrol	code	500 ml	code	1L
	PAT071	£16.73	PAT072	£28.20

METAL PRIMERS



HATO®Truss This fast-drying, waterbased paint has certainly impressed our projects and workshops teams. The satinmatt finish is particularly close to that of Doughty Clamps, and would blend in well. Excellent adherence to zinc, aluminium, copper, and brass, making it ideal for overcoating aluminium and steel trusses and beams. The finish is resistant to scuffs and will keep scenery and truss rigs looking smart. It will also provide strong anticorrosive protection. We've tried it out by

brushing on to aluminium tube with, and without, preparation work and have been impressed by results. We think it would also spray well. 2 coats recommended. SPECIFICATION: Touch dry after 1 hour, Full cure in 6 hours. Coverage: approx 8 m²/ L

HATO®Truss	1 litre	price	5 litre	price
Black Gloss	PAT260101	£19.38	PAT260105	£56.15
Black Silk Matt	PAT260111	£19.38	PAT260115	£59.95
Colourless Gloss	PAT260121	£17.80	PAT260125	£57.43
Colourless Semi-Matt	PAT260131	£17.80	PAT260135	£57.43



Flints Rapid One-Pack Etch **Primer** This primer was developed to have the advantage of a single pack etch primer but without the normal drawback of a very low flashpoint, common in most etch primers. Suitable for stoving or air-drying applications to ferrous and non-ferrous metals that have been cleaned. Formulated free of zinc chromates to reduce toxicity. Whilst this product contains anti-corrosive

pigments, its main purpose as with other etch primers, is to improve the adhesion of following coats and so it should be re-coated as soon as possible if being exposed to a damp environment. It can be applied by conventional spray, airless spray, hot spray, or brush. Steel tubes can be quickly and conveniently covered using long-arm radiator rollers [page 83]. See also Rosco Colorcoat [page 55] as a safer alternative to priming steel with an Etch Primer. Matt finish.

SPECIFICATION: VOC: max 740 g/L. Mass solids: 20%. Flash point: 24°C. Surface dry: 20 minutes. Recoatable: after 30 minutes. Coverage: @ 15↔DFT 12.5 m². Consider using a 3M Organic Vapour Mask type 4251 when using these paints [page 342]. Good ventilation should also be provided. For water-based possible alternatives see Flints Multi Purpose Primer [listed on the previous page 🐀] or Colorcoat [page 55]. Galvanised products should be weathered before painting. See AQ Primer [page 11]

✔ Flash point 24°C ✔ Free of zinc chromates

Flints Rapid One-Pack Etch Primer	code	5L
Black	PAT115	£67.39
White	PAT116	£71.83
Thinner No. 115	PAT504	£47.11

HAMMERITE



Hammerite Hammered The paint for metal that stops rust. It is tough and attractive, touch drying to a glossy enamel-like finish in only 15 minutes. As it dries, millions of heat hardened glass flakes leaf together to form a supertough barrier, and the familiar finish that is Hammerite. If required, further coats should be added within 4 hours of the first coat. Apply with brush or spray. For spray application, thin 2 parts paint to 1 part thinners. Covers 5 m² per litre.

Black	White	Dark Green	Silver	G	old	Copper
Hammerite Hammered	code	250 ml	code	750 ml	code	2.5 L
Black	PAT1031	£8.79	PAT1037	£22.15	PAT1034	£58.56
White	PAT1011	£8.79	-		PAT1014	£49.87
Dark Green	PAT1141	£8.79	-		-	
Silver	PAT1021	£8.79	PAT1027	£22.15	PAT1024	£58.56
Gold	PAT1081	£8.79	-		-	
Copper	PAT1091	£8.79	-		-	
Thinner/Brush Cleaner			code	250 ml	code	1L
			PAT1281	£7.30	PAT1283	£18.24

Hammerite Smooth [formerly Smoothrite] The one-can decorative treatment for metal. Transforms any rough metal surface into a glossy, smooth and attractive finish without the need for primers or undercoats. Further coats should be added within 4 hours of the first coat. Apply with brush. For spray application, thin 2 parts paint to 1 part thinners. Covers 5 m² per litre. For Budget Brushes see page 74.

Hammerite Smooth	code	250 ml	code	750 ml	code	2.5 L
Black	-	-	PAT1227	£22.15	PAT1224	£58.56
White	PAT1211	£8.79	PAT1217	£22.15	PAT1214	£58.56
Silver	PAT1291	£8.79	PAT1297	£22.15	PAT1294	£58.56
Dark Green	PAT1301	£8.79	-		PAT1304	£58.56
Red	PAT1231	£8.79	-		-	
Gold	PAT1341	£8.79	-		-	
Blue	PAT1361	£8.79	-		-	

Hammerite Smooth Spray To be sprayed directly onto rust for 5-year protection. Easy to use and quick drying.

Smooth Spray code 400

Smooth Spray		code	400 ml
Black		PAT965S	£11.94
White		PAT967S	£11.94
Red		PAT9611S	£11.94
Silver		PAT966S	£11.94
Dark Gre	een	PAT969S	£11.94

PLASTIC PRIMERS



Hatocel Plastic Sheet Paint Quick drying, highly elastic paints that achieve excellent adhesion to plastic sheeting, soft and hard foams, PVC flooring, artificial and real leather, and textiles. In fact, most difficult to paint surfaces can be painted flawlessly without any "owls eyes" or craters. Hatocel Plastic Sheet Paints can be applied by brush, roller or spray gun. Colours can be diluted with water and are intermixable. Metallic pigments can be mixed into the transparent colours. See page 31 for full details of Hatocel and colour swatches.

✓ Available in ten matt and six gloss colours ✓ Soluble in water ✓ Odourless

✓ Paints PVC dance floor and projection screens with ease



Spectrum Covent Garden Primer Designed for the Royal Opera House for priming vacuum-formed plastics. It is water-based, can be tinted and is ideal for difficult surfaces such as dance floor, PVC, clear plastics, and rubber flooring. Covent Garden Primer is formulated to be a first coat prior to conventional painting although adding 20% to your scenic paint will normally make it stick to dance floor materials.

✓ Aids adhesion of water-based paints to difficult substrates ✓ Use it when painting dance floors – see also Hatocel [[‡] page 31] ✓ Very popular well tried product

CG Primer	code	1 L	code	2.5 L	code	5 L	5+ 5 L
	PAT0503	£24.50	PAT0504	£41.04	PAT0505	£82.37	£75.78

See also, Flag Aqualac Floor Glaze in our Glazes and Varnishes section [see page 54] - we've heard of people priming difficult surfaces with it, as well as our Binders and Adhesion Promoters section from page 22 to see other products that can be added to paints to improve their grip to tricky surfaces, and our Textures and Fillers Section from page 44. For vacuum-form sheets see our selection - four brick and stone textures [page 100].



Rosco CrystalGel A non-toxic, waterbased material which provides a clear, plasticlike coating on virtually any surface used on stage. It air dries quickly, usually within hours, to form a flexible translucent surface. When dry it can be painted with Rosco paint. Cloths can be rolled up without cracking, peeling or sticking. Sand, sawdust, or powdered clay can

be added to make unique textures. Being clear, CrystalGel is perfect for permanently securing glitter and when splattered onto windows it makes a great rain effect. It will ferociously adhere to glass, plastics, canvas, foam, metal and wood and it is very effective on plexiglasstype materials. Less well suited for dance floors compared to those above. See other transparent coatings on page 47 for alternatives.

Rosco CrystalGel	size	code	price
	1L	ROSCG1	£22.10
	3.79 L	ROSCG128	£69.75
	18.95 L	ROSCG210	£311.50

GESSO PRIMERS



Acrylic Gesso White Primer An intensely white primer with a slightly textured surface. Works well on the Worbla's Art Series products, see page 98.

Acrylic Gesso	size	code	price
	250 ml	PAT0594	£11.30
	1L	PAT0595	£25.30



HATO® Gesso Highly flexible waterbased primer for textiles, canvases, wood and sculptures. We think this could be an excellent choice for prop makers and costumiers especially those using sheet materials such as Worbla [page 98] in our propmakers materials section [page 95 - 102]. Thin with water. Apply by brush, roller or spray gun. SPECIFICATION: Coverage: 10 m2/L

HATO®Gesso	code	price
1 Litre	PAT11001	£14.71

WHITING & SIZE FOR PRIMING CANVAS FLATS



Whiting is refined, ground and washed calcium carbonate. Used to make gesso and as a primer for scenic canvas when mixed with size. This primer will tighten the canvas to a drum-like tension resulting in a perfectly flat surface to paint on to. The mix is a matter of choice but the following guide may help. Soak 1 part of Granular Size to 2 parts of water for one hour then warm in a double boiler until the size has completely dissolved. Two galvanised buckets with a brick in the bottom make a good double boiler. Stir in the whiting and more water until you achieve a mix that will just run from a stick in a continuous stream. To test the mix dip in a piece of paper and dry with a heat gun. There should be just one or two sparkles of size reflecting in the light, too many and the mix is too strong but too few and the whiting will not be fully bound. Apply to the flat while the mix is still warm. Note: When canvassing the flats be careful not to stretch the canvas too tightly as the shrinking effect of the warm size could "banana" your frame. For priming cloths we also recommend using Rosco White Base diluted 2:1 with water [page 6].

Whiting	code	per kg	code	25 kg
	PAT850	£1.58	PAT850B	£15.62
Size	code	per kg	code	25 kg
	PAT852	£11.38	PAT852B	£226.65
Priming Equipment	code			price
Galvanised Bucket	PBR619			£19.95
Hot Plate	PBR619HP			£36.78

SPECIALIST PRIMERS AND ADHESION PROMOTERS



G4 A popular moisture-cured damp sealer. Excellent for sealing moulds as it will cure even on damp plaster. G4 can be used as a primer especially prior to bonding on GRP. It effectively seals damp walls after flood damage enabling decorations

to be reinstated. Use it to protect timber or plywood troughs and surrounds used as stage water features. Rapid drying, G4 can be applied coat-on-coat without needing to sand between as long as the times are followed on the can. A very useful and effective product. Three coats will use approximately 550 g per m².

G4 Damp Seal	code	1 kg		2.5 kg		5 kg
G4	PR012102	£25.64	PR012104	£51.36	PR012106	£80.86
G4 Thinner	PR012232	£14.00				



Epifanes Washprimer AQ [onecomponent] Water-based adhesion primer providing excellent bond to aluminium, zinccoated and galvanised steel, non-ferrous metals, glass and ceramics. Can be overcoated with all Epifanes one- and two-component products. Off-white, dries clear. Recoatable after 2 hours [max 48 hours]. Covers 16 m² per litre.

Epifanes Washprimer AQ	code	500 ml
Off-white [dries clear]	PATEWAQ500	£31.80



Owatrol E.S.P. Easy Surface Prep If you need to paint old gloss enamel, varnish, glazed or ceramic tiles, baked enamel or even glass then Owatrol E.S.P. Easy Surface Prep will prepare the surface without the need to sand. Just wipe it on and wait for 2 hours before painting with oil or

emulsion paint. In every case the paint will stick. Suitable for interior and exterior use. Covers approx 18 $m^2\,per$ litre.

✓ No need to sand ✓ Even prepares glass surfaces

E.S.P. Easy Surface Prep	code	1L
	PAT070	£27.13

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