



Painting Surface Prep and Primer Inspection

Ensure perfect paint jobs with our painting surface prep and primer inspection checklist. Follow structured steps for top-quality results.

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Surface Cleaning

1	Remove all dust and debris from the surface using a vacuum and tack cloth.
2	Perform a water break test to check for grease or oil residues.
3	Ensure all surfaces are dry and free from moisture before priming.

Surface Defects

4	Inspect for cracks and fill them with a suitable filler.
5	Sand down any uneven areas to create a smooth surface.
6	Check for and repair any holes or divots.

Primer Preparation

7	Select a primer compatible with the surface material and topcoat.
8	Stir the primer thoroughly to ensure uniformity.

Primer Application

9	Apply the primer using a brush or roller, ensuring even coverage.
10	Use a wet film thickness gauge to check primer thickness.
11	Allow primer to dry according to manufacturer instructions before painting.

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Introduction

Ensuring a flawless paint job begins long before the first brush stroke. Proper surface preparation and primer application are crucial steps that determine the longevity and appearance of the final coat. This checklist provides a structured approach to inspecting these preliminary stages, focusing on cleanliness, surface defects, primer application, and drying times. Use this checklist to guide inspections and ensure that all necessary steps are completed to the highest standards, minimizing the risk of costly rework and enhancing the quality of the finished product.

How to use this checklist

1. Begin by thoroughly reviewing the checklist to understand each inspection point and its importance. 2. Prepare the area by removing any obstacles and ensure good lighting for clear visibility. 3. Use the checklist to systematically inspect each aspect of surface preparation and primer application. 4. Document findings with notes and photographs, especially any defects or areas that need rework. 5. Discuss findings with the painting team to rectify any issues before proceeding to the next stages.