

## TECHNICAL BULLETIN

# Painting Vinyl Siding

If your vinyl siding is starting to show its age, instead of replacing it, paint it with quality paint from Diamond Vogel.

You will want to start with good surface preparation. The performance of any paint is directly related to the quality and thoroughness of surface preparation. It will be important to remove any dirt, grime, chalk, and other contaminants from the siding by hand cleaning or with the use of a power washer. Take special attention to the chalk. Vinyl sidings have a tendency to chalk quite severely, and it is important that the chalk is removed prior to painting. To test for presence of chalk, rub your hand on the siding checking to see if there is a transfer of chalk to your hand.

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With the flexible nature of vinyl siding, it is important to use a paint coating that has the ability to flex with those movements. We would recommend two coats of acrylic Latex paint such as Diamond Vogel **Palisade Ultra Premium Exterior Acrylic Latex**, and **Durango Acrylic Latex Exterior Finish**, or **EverCryl Exterior Acrylic Latex Finish**. Acrylic coatings will provide excellent adhesion to these surfaces. Not only will these coatings provide excellent adhesion and the flexibility needed on vinyl siding, but they will also provide excellent durability when it comes to peeling, blistering, flaking, and fade resistance.

## What Color Can I Use?

While it is perfectly okay to paint vinyl siding a different color from its original manufactured color, you should be cautious not to paint vinyl siding darker than the original manufactured color. Each color of vinyl siding is manufactured to resist certain levels of heat. For instance, if you have white vinyl siding and you paint it a medium tone color, the darker color will absorb more heat than the white and this could cause the siding to warp or buckle.

For further information on painting vinyl siding, contact your Diamond Vogel representative.