

## **TECHNICAL BULLETIN**

### **WASHING LATEX & WATER-BASED PAINTED SURFACES**

#### **WASHING GUIDELINES**

1. Avoid washing any newly painted surface for a minimum of 60-days as this will allow the paint to properly dry and cure. Always perform a test area prior to application of latex or water-based paints to determine stability of the coated surface.
2. Cleaning is best performed with warm water and a small amount of liquid dish soap containing a grease-cutting agent. Always rinse the freshly washed area with warm, clean water to prevent any residue build-up on the surface.
3. As a general recommendation, TK Products suggests the use of a soft cellulose sponge for cleaning painted surfaces. Wash cloths and rags can be too coarse and may actually cause a sanding action which will remove some of the paint from the surface.
5. Avoid any cleaners with harsh petroleum-based chemicals, bleach, ammonia or powders as these products may result in loss of color, loss of sheen, or burnishing (glossy areas on flat paints).
6. Never wash in a circular motion. Always wash up and down or side to side with a steady, even pressure. For washing large areas, start from the bottom and work up.

#### **PAINT FINISH GUIDELINES**

Flat Finish:	Very delicate and may burnish (become glossy on flat paints).
Low Sheen - Eggshell Finish:	Washable but still subject to burnishing with harsh washing.
Satin or Semi-Gloss Finish	Very washable and may be moderately scrubbed.
Gloss Finish:	Most washable of all the latexes and highly scrubbable. Will withstand numerous cleanings.