

PAINTING ALUMINUM SIDING

Conventional wisdom of using alkyd or oil-based primers and paints on metal does not apply when painting aluminum.

Aluminum needs only protection from air and moisture to safeguard it from oxidation and corrosion. 100% acrylic latex primers and finishes offer this complete protection while, at the same time, avoiding drawbacks of alkyd and oil-based products. After thorough pressure washing and treatment of any other surface contaminants, we suggest priming with Flex Bon #190 or #194 Series primers, and finish with a one of our Premium Series 100% Acrylic Latex House and Trim Paints.

100% acrylic products offer superior adhesion to this substrate over alkyd and oils. Acrylics remain flexible and tough, while alkyds and oils embrittle and lose cohesion. Acrylics are naturally mildew resistant while alkyds and oils contain what is essentially mildew "food". Acrylics offer far superior fade and chalk resistance over alkyds and oils for a finish that stays cleaner and looks better longer.

In short, there are no benefits to be gained from the use of typically more expensive and less environmentally friendly alkyd or oil-based products on aluminum. Current paint technology using 100% acrylic formulations offer all the benefits of protection, durability and long lasting good looks not attainable through the use of alkyd or oil-based systems.