

Little Greene®

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Absolute Flat Emulsion

Description:

A high opacity, low odour water-based matte finish for walls and ceilings. The flat matte wipeable finish is ideally suited to bedrooms, living rooms, dining areas and other low traffic areas.

Properties:

Gloss Level	Theoretical coverage	Recommended film thickness	Recommended number of coats	Surface dry	Time to recoat**
Matte (less than 5%)	570ft ² per gallon (varies with surface porosity & texture)	30 microns dry, per coat.	2	1 hour	4 hours minimum

Volume solids	Colour Availability	Available pack sizes
44%	All Little Greene colour ranges	60ml Sample Pot, Quart & 1 Gallon

** Complete cure (drying) of the coating can take up to several days, depending on the film thickness applied and the ambient drying conditions at site. The coating should not be exposed to heavy surface condensation before it is completely dry as this can cause permanent surface marking. For significant colour scheme changes undercoating with Little Greene Intelligent ASP is highly recommended.

Approvals & Standards:

Microporous:

Water Vapour Permeability (BS EN ISO 7783), mean Sd: 0.13m, mean V: 156 g/m²/day Water Vapour Permeability Classification (EN 1062-1), Class: V1 (high)

Quality Control:

Manufactured under the auspices of ASQ/ANSI/ISO 9001:2015 quality & ASQ/ANSI/ISO 14001:2015 environmental management systems.

Child Friendly:

ASTM F963:2017/BS EN71-3:2019 Safety of toys. Specification for migration of certain elements. (Test certificate available upon request)

VOC Content:

ASTM E96/SCAQMD Rule 1113 <50g* g/l.
*South Coast Air Quality Management District

Leed V4.1 (VOC Content).

Wash/Scrub Resistance:

This product has been tested under the regulations DIN EN 13 300 and has been classified; Wet scrub resistance – Class 2. Gloss – Dead Matte. Contrast Ratio – Class 1. Largest Grain Size – Fine. Theoretical Spreading Rate – 570ft²/gal.

Surface Preparation:

New wood: For soft woods, knots should be sealed with knotting compound to prevent staining and then primed with Little Greene Intelligent ASP. Resinous hard woods require cleaning and treatment with a proprietary Wood Primer (consult the relevant product data sheets for further details) prior to undercoating.

Ensure moisture content of the timber is below 15% before commencing application. Damp wood should never be painted as this may give rise to blistering, flaking, cracking and premature coating failure.

Green oak should not be painted unless it has been weathered for at least 6 months.

Metals: New ferrous/non-ferrous metalwork should be hand or mechanically cleaned, to remove any surface rust before application. Bare or corroded Iron or Steel will require treating with at least 2 coats of Little Greene Intelligent ASP.

Existing paint finish: Remove all loose and flaking paintwork. Degrease with a suitable detergent solution, such as sugar soap, followed by clean water rinse. Rub down thoroughly with a medium grade sandpaper to provide a key and a defect free smooth surface, "feathering in" areas where paint has been removed. Make good any repairs, sand and apply primer to exposed surface as appropriate. **WARNING!** If you scrape sand or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. LEAD is toxic, exposure to LEAD DUST can cause serious illness such as brain damage, especially in children. Pregnant women should also avoid exposure. Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to www.epa.gov/lead.

Plastics: For long term performance, clean & lightly sand down surfaces. Prime using Little Greene Intelligent ASP before applying the finishing coat.

New plaster walls: For plaster skim, allow at least four weeks for the plaster to thoroughly dry. Apply a primer coat by thinning the paint with a 5% to 25% (v/v) addition of clean water, depending upon the porosity of the substrate. Cut in by brushing at the same dilution recommendation as for priming, to promote flow and sealing of the substrate. Finish by applying two full coats.

For new, fully plastered walls, allow at least six months for the plaster to thoroughly dry before painting.

This product is suitable for painting lime or other natural plasters so long as walls do not suffer from damp issues and the above plaster drying time guidelines have been followed.

Existing plaster walls: Lightly wash any existing paint work to remove any dust or surface laitance. Apply a primer coat by thinning with a 5% to 10% (v/v) addition of clean water, depending upon the porosity of the substrate. Finish by applying at least two full coats, as required.

This product is suitable for painting previously painted lime or other natural plasters so long as walls do not suffer from damp issues and compatibility with existing coating has been assured.

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Application:

Stir thoroughly before use. Do not apply to surfaces when the ambient temperature is below 8°C/46°F.

Brushing: Use a high quality synthetic bristle brush that is suitably sized for the project at hand. New brushes should be conditioned by washing in clean water and thoroughly drying with a clean, lint free, cloth.

Avoid immersing brush too far into the paint to prevent paint from entering the ferrule. Avoid drips and splashes by not overloading the brush. Apply paint in even strokes and only extend painting area such that a wet edge can be easily maintained. For the highest quality appearance, keep final brush strokes all in the same direction and never go over paint that has already begun to dry.

For intricate items, or when high ambient temperatures/high air flow conditions cannot be avoided, the open time maybe extended with a 10% to 15% (v/v) addition of a clean water. This advice is also applicable to large flat areas; however, use of a paint roller is the recommended application method in such cases.

Roller: Use a short nap wool blend type sleeve for best appearance on smooth surfaces. Increase nap length for textured surfaces, as appropriate, to ensure even and thorough coverage. Keep final strokes all in the same direction, maintaining a wet edge throughout. Never be tempted to go over already drying paint as this will lead to lap marking and flashing. When high ambient temperatures/high air flow conditions cannot be avoided, the open time maybe extended with a 5% to 10% (v/v) addition of clean water.

Spray Finishing Guidelines:

Conventional:

Thin with up to	40%(v/v) water
Tip size:	1.60 to 2.00 mm (62 to 78 thou)
Air pressure:	0.28 to 0.41 MPa (40 to 60 psi)

Airless

Thin with up to	20%(v/v) water
Tip size:	0.28 to 0.54 mm (11 to 21 thou)
Pressure at tip:	12.6 to 19.6 MPa (1800 to 2800 psi)

Cleaning:

Remove excess paint and clean all equipment using clean water immediately after use. Never store brushes or roller sleeves in water as this will result in deterioration of their application performance.

Storage & Shelf Life:

Store unused paint in a cool, dry, frost free area away from direct sunlight. Ensure tin lids are securely and correctly replaced after use.

When unopened and stored under the conditions above, this product is stable for a minimum period of two years.

Aftercare:

Cleaning: For light surface soiling; use a dilute, lukewarm solution of domestic washing up liquid and a clean sponge or lint free cloth. Ensure sponge or cloth is well wetted (but not dripping), gently wipe the affected area and repeat as required.

To help prevent general build up of contamination on paint surface, keep your home well ventilated during activities likely to contribute to oil and grease accumulation, like cooking. Tackle dust generated from DIY by, preferably, collecting at source or thorough vacuum cleaning.

To prevent marking, always use a soft brush attachment to vacuum clean adjacent surfaces.

Special Care: Avoid placing heavy objects onto surface for a least a week after painting. Bookshelves and other frequent use surfaces may benefit from a very light application of beeswax polish to help prevent marring over the long term.

Repair: Lightly rub down area to be repainted, apply suitable primer to any exposed substrate. Repaint the whole item/area with one or two coats as required. Spot repairs will almost always result in an inferior aesthetic appearance.

Disposal & Recycling

Dispose of excess or waste paint via a licensed waste handling operator. Empty metal containers may be recycled (remove wire handle on gallon can).

Health & Safety

Always read the label on the can before use. Ensure maximum ventilation during application and drying. Consult product material safety data sheet for further details. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with water for at least 15 minutes. On skin, wash thoroughly with soap and water. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. If you have trouble breathing, leave the immediate area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty in breathing is experienced seek immediate medical attention. Keep out of reach of children. Refer to the Safety Data Sheet for further information.

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