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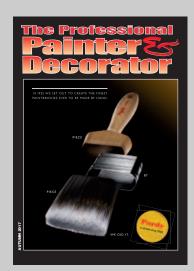
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AkzoNobel's 2018 Colour of the Year

Heart Wood has been unveiled by AkzoNobel as the Colour of the Year for 2018, following continuous research into trends, insights and consumer behaviors.

A subtle and warm tone of pink, Heart Wood draws from the tactile qualities of natural wood and leather, conveying comfort and ease in response to consumers wanting to nestle down more and create a "welcome home".

Lucas launches college partnership

Lucas has appointed its first fully qualified training and apprenticeships manager and is partnering with London South East Colleges as part of its commitment to bring together college vocational courses with practical, on site training.

Barry Mason joins Lucas with over 30 years' experience as a painter and decorator. He is also a qualified assessor and instructor and is a former lecturer at Shrewsbury College. He is making a series of practical training videos with Lucas called "Brush up with Barry."

Lucas has now reached a major milestone by securing accreditation from City & Guilds to be able to assess candidates for their NVQ Level 2 qualifications. The partnership with London South East Colleges gives the opportunity to build a satellite training academy, the Lucas Centre of Excellence, developing full NVQ and City & Guilds diplomas with a mixture of classroom theory, E-learning or distance learning for young students, and practical site-based tuition, experience and formal assessment.

Lucas has discussed issues of training and the skills shortage in construction with Government and concluded the best way forward must involve companies in the training process, and convey the true site experience and demonstrate the full range of skills and disciplines required to be a successful operative today.



















selection of paints

Upmarket Corsavan

Vauxhall has expanded its popular Corsavan range with the addition of a new top-of-the-range Limited Edition NAV model. Available to order now, the new variant offers some of the latest technology and stylish exterior design features.

The new Corsavan Limited Edition NAV model features exterior graphics, as well as black wing mirrors, 16-inch Black Alloy Wheels and a Carbon Flash grille bar. The stylish new black accents have been designed to complement the Corsavan's full range of exterior colours (excluding Royal Blue and Metallic Black). The new model also marks the introduction of the Persian Blue exterior colour, which is offered exclusively on the Limited Edition NAV.

As well as a new look exterior, the new model trim will add Navi 4.0 IntelliLink connectivity to. The updated system has a seven-inch colour touchscreen for easy navigation, with features including RDS with Traffic Programme, Eco Routing, DAB digital radio, and sat nav with European coverage. The unit's smartphone integration is compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and enables USB connection, Bluetooth connectivity and A2DP audio streaming.

Design first

Barrie Thompson is first winner of Dulux Academy's first ever Design & Decorate Challenge. Barrie will have his own winning wallpaper design put into production and have the opportunity to visit the Graham & Brown factory, where he will also learn about the brand's heritage, the manufacturing processes used over the years, wallpaper design and future trends.

The competition, which Dulux Academy launched in partnership with Graham and Brown in celebration of International Wallpaper Week (2nd – 8th October), was designed to support the craft and skill of wallpaper hanging. Aimed at experienced decorators with an eye for design and acute attention to detail in the installation process, appliers from across the industry were required to nominate themselves online. Finalists were then invited to submit their very own wallpaper designs to be judged by industry specialists on 2nd October, before being invited to attend the grand finale on 6th October, held at Dulux Academy, where their wallpaper hanging skills were put to the test. Finalists were awarded points both for their wallpaper design and their performance in the application challenge before the winner was selected.



















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Safety concerns over mixing tower components

Supplier of access towers, WernerCo, is highlighting the serious safety risks associated with mixing product components when building towers.

This follows concerns being raised in the industry over the practice of mixing components from different manufacturers when erecting towers. As a result WernerCo, which manufactures the brand BoSS, is urging people to be aware of not only the safety risks but also the dangers around building a non-compliant structure.

Towers should comply with specific standards, which give approval the overall tower structure rather than specific components. When combining components from different manufacturers, a new structure has been created that has not been tested to EN1004:2004 and, therefore, does not comply.

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Crown Trade Steracryl Mould Inhibiting Matt Paint, Crown Trade Clean Extreme Scrubbable Matt and Crown Trade Fastflow Quick Dry Gloss are all being applied as part of the refurbishment of 57 dormitories and associated kitchen areas at the University of East London's Docklands Campus.

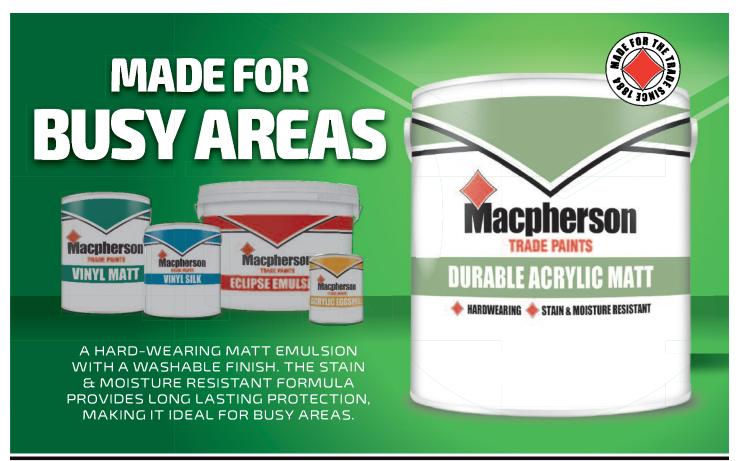
"We've been working with Crown Paints now for four years and their products are being used because we have such a quick turnaround to get the rooms ready and we have to trust what we use."

Under the programme of works, Crown Trade Clean Extreme Scrubbable Matt is being applied to the kitchen and bedroom areas.



Ideal for spaces that receive a high level of traffic, Crown Trade Clean Extreme is 100 per cent more stain resistant than standard matt vinyl emulsion paint - and can be scrubbed up to 10,000 times meaning that product will extend the University of East London's maintenance cycle.

As well as Crown Trade Clean Extreme, other products selected for the project include Crown Trade Steracryl Mould Inhibiting Matt Paint for the bathroom ceilings, while Crown Trade Fastflow Quick Dry Gloss system is being used on all of the doors in the accommodation block.



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Happy landings with Bradite refreshed helipad

Air ambulance helicopters now have a distinctive new helipad at a Chelmsford hospital, thanks to a repainting job using Bradite products.

Bradite's CF22 Chlorinated Rubber paint was specified to recoat the previously painted concrete deck. Chelmsford-based Kestrel Maintenance



took on the job, beginning by high-pressure hosing the helipad surface to remove all loose and flaking paint and degreased with Bradite TD39 detergent to banish any remaining oil contamination.

Chlorinated rubber is quick drying and the helipad received two coats of CF22 and was ready to take light foot traffic after drying overnight with full curing taking effect in less than four days.

Brewers customer wins a year's supply of paint

Horsham customer Alan Clack Brewer's lucky Win a Year's Worth of Paint competition winner. Having shopped at Brewers Horsham since 1980, self-employed painter and decorator and owner of Simply Colour, Alan was surprised to have been selected; "I'm bemused but very chuffed, how could I not he!"

Alan entered the competition whilst visiting the Horsham branch back in April after branch staff member Dave advised him to enter.

Working mostly in the local Horsham area, Alan's projects have ranged from pubs and churches, to hospital units and recording studios. Whilst working in recording studios, Alan has been known to work and socialise alongside some well-known artists, most notably; Paul Weller from The Jam, Peter Green from Fleetwood Mac and Topper Headon from The Clash.





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Top apprentice Decorators prepare battle

The competition to find the UK's Crown Trade Apprentice Decorator of the Year is heating up as the eight finalists are revealed. Now, the eight will go on to compete at the Skills Show, at Birmingham's NEC from November 16-18, with a £1,000 first prize at stake.

The finalists are: Aiden Dearie of City Building Glasgow, Callum Bonner of Forth Valley College of Further and Higher Education, Declan Collins of Dundee and Angus College, Oliver Takhar of Bath College, Patrick Dinham of Newcastle College, Philip Orme of City College Plymouth, Lewys Rawlings of Coleg Cambria and Thomas Pawlowski of West Suffolk College.

The contest, in association with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB), is the longest running showcase of talent for up-and-coming painters and decorators and this year celebrates its 38th anniversary.

The Apprentice Decorator of the Year competition is a key part of Crown Trade's ongoing programme to help address a skills gap which has emerged within the industry.

Figures released by the Construction Industry Training Broad revealed that more than 13,000 painters and decorators will be needed before 2018 to meet growing demand.

Toolstation Research Reveals Trade Health Issues

New research conducted by Toolstation reveals that almost threequarters of the trade have suffered from work related injuries, aches, pains and strains – with 79% of those surveyed believing it has affected their ability to carry out their work; as well as having a negative impact on their personal life.

The survey of Toolstation customers was carried out in June 2017, and highlights the challenges faced by the trade when injuries occur - particularly the financial and emotional impact. 74% of respondents were sole traders, with over half of those surveyed confirming they'd needed to take time off work due to their injuries; resulting in loss of income and causing high levels of stress, as summarised by one respondent who said:

"Being self-employed, if you get injuries at work it can have an extremely adverse effect on your mental wellbeing, causing stress. If you are unable to work then you are unable to earn."

As a result of the pressure to work and earn, many in the trade just 'get on with it' despite their pain and suffering, as highlighted in comments including:

"I find it very hard to recover from my continuous pains and strains. The facts are that these injuries require resting the affected areas, but the reality is that my aches and pains are overshadowed by the impact of financial loss due to not working."







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Concrete Paint Finish

Our new specialist finishes expert Cait Whitson is decorative painter working throughout UK. You can see her work and connect with her on social media;

Twitter and Instagram - @paintycait or Facebook - www.facebook.com/carteblanchedecorativepainters/

Concrete finishes are some of the hottest finishes of 2017 – they are good for both commercial and domestic environments and are fashionably combined with metal, wood and other natural materials for a cool industrial look. Very often this look is carried out in a plaster like Marmorino or Intonachino but I also like achieving the look in paint.

First the wall needs to be sealed - absorbancy will mean it dries too quickly. If it is good clean emulsion then you need only put a thin layer of something like Zinsser Gardz or Polyvine Decorators Varnish. The background colour will be almost obliterated, so unless it is a really jarring colour you can work over what you have. If you need to paint out the surface a coat of slightly thinned acrylic eggshell is perfect.

For the finish I have used two colours of eggshell - a very dark grey and a light grey and mixed these together to get a third mid grey. I use Benjamin Moore Aura Eggshell or General Finishes Milk Paint because both these dry relatively quickly to a low sheen. The colours I used here were General Finishes Queenstown Grey and Seagull Grey but Benjamin Moore 's Westcott navy and Boothbay Grey



would be similar.

I use old tools for this because it is a messy process and doesn't require perfect tools – an old polished plaster small trowel, a couple of old spatulas and some worn sponges are perfect. If you don't have a trowel you can cut a slice from the side of a 10l paint bucket and sand the edge to create a spreading tool.

Stage 1 First use the spatula to put the paint onto the trowel and spread it leaving some areas without paint and others thicker paint; as you work across the wall double back and use a sponge to wash over the part drying surface and this will lift the thicker areas leaving interest and soften the look. These lifted areas will fill with the next stage.

Stage 2 Once dry take the mid tone and apply a trowelled layer like the first. Double back but this time with the palest grey and wet on wet trowel the lighter colour into the mid tone. Some will mix, some will stay on the mid tone. Work across the wall in this fashion.

Stage 3 Before this layer dries double back once more and wash a

damp sponge over it again. This will lift some of these lighter colours and soften the look. If it is a large area having 2 pairs of hands is a lot easier and avoids it drying up too much to get that final washed effect. This is how I achieved the finished effect in Image 4. Because it is created in

eggshell, no varnish is required.

There are extra things you can do while wet you can dribble water through it giving it a weathered look and also maybe sponge some of the colour off revealing the dark base, you could also spatter some of the dark into the surface. Once dry you could use an acrylic scumble to create yellow aged areas or just increase the depth, although this will need a final varnish to protect. All depends on the budget and the look your customer wants.

See technique application on YouTube https://youtu.be/LbIUpZqoJYo





Dulux Academy extends spray courses

Since opening in March 2016, Dulux Academy has been updating its courses in line with increased demand. With over 50 courses currently on offer, Dulux Academy reports that its spray application courses are currently amongst the most popular.

ony Pearson-Young, Skills Development Consultant at Dulux Academy, said: "On the whole, the industry tends to view spray application as only appropriate for commercial work, but once individuals understand the correct processes of spraying they see how adaptable this method of application is and can explore opportunities for using it in domestic environments.

"Many that join our courses still view spray application as a new method and have little knowledge of the processes

involved and how it might benefit their business. Others have already invested in spray equipment and would like more training to ensure that they're using everything correctly. Whatever their reasons for joining courses, the common theme is that delegates leave with increased confidence and a better understanding of how they can use the method in new ways, all of which ultimately benefits their customers."

A recent attendee on the Introduction to Spray course, Christian Bone, who founded Paintworks 11 years ago, commented that:



"After being on the brush and roller for that long, day in and day out, I was starting to lose my drive a bit and knew I needed to learn a new skill. Not only a skill I would benefit from but a new skill my customers would benefit from too."

The course introduced Christian to a variety of both airless and HVLP spray units, all of which were provided by Graco. During the day Christian was able to develop his masking and spray application techniques using this premium equipment.

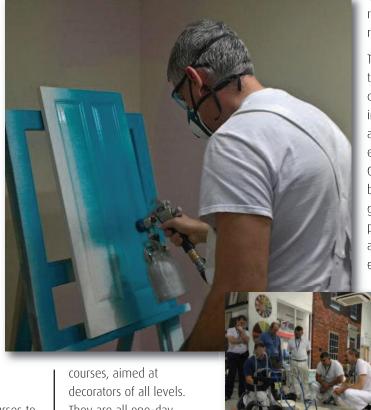
"I came away with the confidence to spray after just one course. I've completed four jobs so far using spray application since I did the course. So, taking the time out to attend really did pay off in the end" Chris concluded.

While all courses offer a mix of theory and practical application, many appliers attend to gain knowledge on equipment they may require ahead of a purchase. Conscious of this, Dulux Academy puts a huge effort into maintaining relationships with supplier partners to ensure that all equipment used on courses is amongst the best on the market. The most recent additions to the equipment portfolio are the Tritech T4 Airless and the Graco 395 Air Assisted Airless.

"As we continue to develop the courses to meet the needs and requests of our customers we're keeping ourselves up-to-date with the latest equipment and materials available in the industry. Zipwall, for example, provides a great system to enclose a working area protecting from over sprays which we can showcase to our course delegates to assist them in their understanding of what's available in the market to assist them as professional decorators," said Tony Pearson Young.

Dulux Academy offers a range of spray





courses, aimed at decorators of all levels. They are all one-day courses and are delivered across the UK at selected locations so there is

minimal disruption to the working week.

The Introduction to Spray course covers all of the essential basics of Airless and HVLP including how to set-up, maintain, clean and store equipment, tips on the practical application required to achieve a perfect finish, how to recognise faults and take action to correct them, and of course the safe working practices necessary for using

this type of equipment.

Following the success of the Introduction to Spray course, two new advanced courses have recently been added to the Dulux Academy offering. The Advanced HVLP focuses on using the equipment on more specialist surfaces including stair spindles and ornamental cornices, and the Advanced Airless course focuses on the variety of tips and accessories available to assist in a range of working environments, such as power rollers and extension lances. Both of these courses go into more technical detail which leaves delegates with the confidence to breakdown and rebuild their equipment as required.

Tony Pearson-Young, concludes that: "All of the courses are delivered by our in-house industry experts who have over a hundred years of decorating experience between them.

Courses are held in our purposebuilt training environments with group sizes of a maximum of 8 people. This ensures that all attendees get the best learning experiences possible and get

everything they need out of their course."

Christian, who appreciated the industry knowledge, the experience the Dulux Academy has and the style in which the course was delivered, said: "In my eyes this is how a course should be -

learning with a bit of banter in the mix.
We are decorators at the end of the day!"

Should you have specific needs, Dulux Academy has the ability to provide bespoke courses for groups of four or more. All course costs include use of equipment, resources and full hospitality.

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darker - and these bases are from mixing the water with titanium dioxide, resins and other ingredients. These formulations give the body and build to the paint. The pigments are not made on site, but are produced solely for F&B alone and there are generally three used to make a colour, with perhaps a fourth in a lesser quantity. To create a colour using so few pigments mean they have to be used

in a high ratio to the overall volume of the paint.

After each batch is made, a sample is drawn off from the vat and taken to the lab. It is then painted mechanically on to a card for

consistency

and allowed to dry. Then it is matched against a standard for the colour using a spectrophotometer, and will only proceed to market if it is within the tolerance level of 0.45DEcmc. To put this into perspective, F&B's own research suggests that some tinting machines work to a tolerance level exceeding 1%. If that 0.45DEcmc is not met, a computer programme will generate the correction needed in terms of ingredients, the paint will be corrected and the lab process will start again.

The formulations for the paint do evolve, reflecting what the market wants, without ever compromising depth of colour or the finish. Gareth Hayfield, head of research and technical development, told us that there is now more titanium dioxide in the lighter base which helps opacity and coverage and that pigment levels have risen by up to 20%.

"We look at what customers want and we take feedback from all the markets we supply."

F&B has a strong customer base in most European countries and further afield. And this is not just for paint but also its wallpapers. These are manufactured on the same site.

What makes F&B wallpapers so different is that they are painted, not printed. This is why they are expensive but stunning in design and colour and shipped out with detailed hanging instructions. The

paint

used is more liquid that an emulsion but other than that the same.

The process begins by painting a base colour on to a relatively high weight paper. And there are a lot of base colours, some for a number of papers, others for just one. When a paper is ordered, the pattern which is on a roller or block (depending on the length of the repeat) goes on to the appropriate machine, the paint applied and the edges trimmed. These machines have highly skilled operators who need to be able see, by eye, when the paper is right, and also need to be able to set up the edge trimmers so the drops can be matched.

Farrow & Ball has been in business for 70 years and when you look around the plant, you can see that certain processes probably haven't changed much, but the products have. Since 2010, all the paints have been waterborne, obviously reacting to EU directives but nevertheless a big step in product development and one which illustrates a strong technical drive within the company.





Wayne Armstrong, the lead decorator at Farrow & Ball, joined the research and technical team in 2013 after more than 30 years within the paint industry. Commenting on their paints, Wayne said: "I'm able to say that within each tin of Farrow & Ball paint you'll find the highest levels of titanium dioxide and pigments giving you excellent coverage and depth of colour".

Farrow & Ball were pioneers of water based paints, taking the decision to switch its entire range from oil based as early as 2010, after four years of development and extensive in-house

Wayne continues: "Like a lot of traditional decorators, I was nurtured on solvent based paint, however for the past nine years I have been solvent free and have never regretted the change. My biggest tip is to use them and see what they can do. I don't think everyone realises the benefits such as the low odour, less yellowing, quicker drying time and how easy it is to clean brushes afterwards."

There are some differences for using water based paints and Wayne recommends dampening the brush first and then spin out. He also suggests applying a thicker coating to aid application, and as you have less working time with waterborne coatings, laying it on and off as quickly as possible to achieve the best results. He also recommends using a good quality synthetic brush or medium pile woven sleeve roller, always checking the product advice sheets (especially regarding primers and undercoats) and applying two top coats to build the layers of pigment.

For more information on Farrow & Ball paints, wallpapers, and handy application tips, visit farrow-ball.com.

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The market for waterbased solutions has expanded in recent years, although many professional painters and decorators still have reservations about performance. Here, Richard Mazurkiewicz, Marketing Manager at Johnstone's Trade, explains how the brand used Facebook Live to answer the industry's questions around water-based technology at a Johnstone's Trade All Access Day.



or many years, water-based technology has been a hot topic of conversation among professional painters and decorators. In fact, since changes to VOC legislation were announced in 2010, the industry has been putting water-based solutions through their paces and comparing the qualities of the paint to those of solvent-based.

At Johnstone's Trade, we've worked with professionals in the industry to gather feedback and input around our water-based technology, but recognise that there are still many experienced painters and decorators who have questions that need answering.

That's why, during an All Access Day, we hosted an industry first Facebook Live event, giving professionals unrestricted access to our technical experts.

We believe that customer feedback is fundamental to the success of the painting and decorating industry, and it's vital that professionals are being listened to. Ahead of our first ever Facebook Live panel event, we reached out to our social media community and encouraged them to submit their most pressing questions regarding water-based technology.

These questions – alongside any received live during the event – were put to an expert panel from our technical team.

There was a range of interesting questions submitted before and during the live broadcast. However, there were three key themes that were apparent in the questions being asked: the development of water-based technology, the technical differences between water-based and solvent-based products, and brush maintenance.

When it comes to water-based technology, there are a number of benefits. The products are low odour, quick drying, easy to use and have a good sheen level. This means projects can be completed quickly, and in an industry where time is money, that's a key

benefit.

Johnstone's Trade Aqua products are a hybrid technology, meaning they take all the benefits of solvent-based products, alongside the cleaner, better for the environment elements of water-based systems. On a chemical level, this is because the products incorporate the use of traditional alkyd resin predominantly used in solvent-based products, but in a water-based system.

Professionals often wonder whether water-based products are as durable as oil-based equivalents. The panel explained that water-based technology has evolved dramatically from when it was first launched. Today's water-based paints are as durable as solvent-based products, but it goes back to the old adage that the paints are only as good as the substrate they're going on to. If the



preparation is right, there shouldn't be any durability issues.

With Johnstone's Trade's
Aqua system, the way
products are applied also
plays a big part in the
finished results. Aqua
products behave totally
differently to solvent-based

paints and slightly different application techniques can be key to getting the best. To get the best finish, the panel recommended applying Aqua Gloss needs on top of the Aqua Undercoat, providing a far better film build.

There are also a number of other considerations that can help to ensure success when using the products. How to clean brushes, for example.

Our expert team explained that all brushes used for applying Aqua products should be synthetic, designed for water-based products. If a brush is left inactive for any

is available on request.



amount of time, it's really important to ensure it is left standing in paint up to the ferrule and that the brush is cleaned against the edge of the can before using again.

Our experts also advised using clean spirit first to soften brushes, washing them with soap or washing up liquid, then rinse them out with cold water. This helps to keep bristles soft.

In addition to attending the Facebook Live and gaining insight from our technical team, members of the Talk Group for Painters and Decorators who attended the All Access Day got behind-the-scenes access to the Johnstone's Trade head offices in Birstall, Yorkshire.

The aim of the day was to give professionals exclusive insight into our range of water-based solutions, and allow them to share their feedback on the products.

Attendees took part in a range of different activities,

including the application of Aqua solutions in a number of common scenarios and a Graco spraying machine taster session. They also took part in an exclusive blind testing session with water-based technologies, some of which haven't been launched to the market yet. Members of the forum were also given a look into the history of the Johnstone's Trade and PPG brands.

The Facebook Live video is available to view now on the Johnstone's Trade Facebook page:

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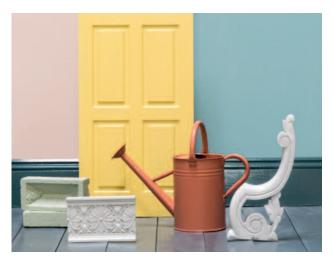
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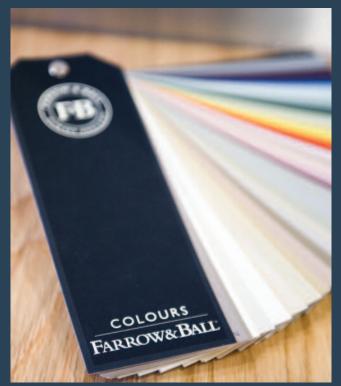
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AkzoNobel has opened what it describes as the world's most advanced and sustainable paint factory, in Ashington, North-East England. The Northumberland plant, which cost more than £100m to build, is the largest ever global investment by the decorative paints business and will become the new centre of production for Dulux.

AkzoNobel £100m investment in the North East

kzoNobel's new factory will be capable of doubling current UK production levels to 200 million litres per year, the equivalent of eighty million 2.5 litre cans of Dulux, in up to 33,000 different colours, approximately enough paint to redecorate every living room, bathroom and kitchen in the UK.

The Ashington plant uses a variety of renewable energy sources, including photovoltaic cells and a biomass boiler, alongside an automated manufacturing process which saves water, waste and energy. AkzoNobel estimates that the

carbon footprint per litre of paint produced at Ashington will be reduced by 50 per cent compared to the facilities it is replacing.

The plant secures 150 skilled jobs in high tech manufacturing for the North East whilst supporting more than 100 additional roles in the local supply chain. Covering an area of 100,000m2, the factory has capacity to expand in order to support future growth plans.

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the ordering of raw materials to the shipping of finished products, can be initiated without operator intervention. A highly agile production system means the plant is capable of producing paint across the entire AkzoNobel range, which includes Dulux, Dulux Trade, Cuprinol, Polycell, Hammerite and Armstead.

The official launch of Ashington coincided with the announcement of AkzoNobel's 2018 Colour of the Year, a curated colour palette which the company's colour experts and global trend watchers predict will dominate sales in decorative paint markets for the coming year. The 2018 colour will be Heart Wood, a 'grown-up pink' that embodies comfort and ease. Heart Wood blends harmoniously with the materials from which it takes inspiration, giving consumers the freedom to balance softer shades with deeper, bolder tones.

Ruud Joosten, COO of Paints and Coatings at AkzoNobel, added: "Ashington secures AkzoNobel's future as a manufacturer of high tech products, including paints which improve air quality, increase energy efficiency and protect against bacteria. That technical know-how is matched by our expertise in colour, revealed today with the announcement of the AkzoNobel Colour of the Year 2018. Our inspirational

trends and paint produced here in Ashington will together create beautiful, stylish living spaces all over the world."

Matt Pullen, Managing Director UK & Ireland at AkzoNobel, said: "I'm incredibly proud to have attracted this major investment into the UK. Now the UK's number one paint brand can boast the most advanced manufacturing facility anywhere in the world, securing 150 high skilled jobs in the North East."

At the opening, Secretary of State for International Trade Dr Liam Fox said: "The huge investment by AkzoNobel in Ashington has delivered the most advanced paint factory in the world, and an important boost to the local economy. As an international economic department we encouraged AkzoNobel to choose Northumberland because the UK has the right skills base, infrastructure and supply chains to grow their business. Their decision is a vote of confidence in the Northern Powerhouse as a destination for foreign investment, and demonstrates the rock-solid relationship between the Dutch and UK economies."

Ashington will also house the second Dulux Academy, a customized training centre for painters and decorators to provide them with the expertise and know-how they need for business success. This follows the success of the first £1.4m Academy in Slough which has trained 1,600 people in its first year. AkzoNobel's ambition is to train and upskill 10,000 UK decorators by 2020, in order to play a part in tackling the skills shortage in the construction sector, which risks limiting the UK's house building capacity.

Ashington is AkzoNobel's second major investment in the North East, alongside its Performance Coatings plant at Felling, Gateshead, which employs more than 800 people, out of a total UK workforce of more than 3,500. Earlier this year, AkzoNobel announced an investment of £12.5 million in a technical innovation hub at its Protective Coatings global HQ in Felling in Tyne and Wear. The new state of the art R&D facility will enable more than 100 scientists to develop products in conditions equivalent to the world's most extreme environments.





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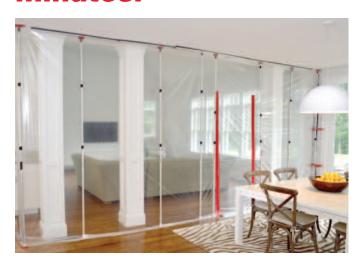
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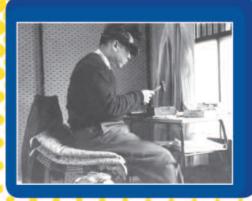






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Skyjack 4632

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A moulding for



Trompe L'oeil, or trick of the eye, gives depth to a flat surface.

Here's how to achieve one form of it.

By Robert Woodland LCGI, a member of London Association Master Decorators and the Painting and Decorating Association for over 40 years.

Prepare a board with a black background in eggshell.

Then glaze the surface with a thin wash of proceed clear or Polyvine scumble.

Apply Jenkins green with a rag rolling style to leave areas open to the black background showing through.

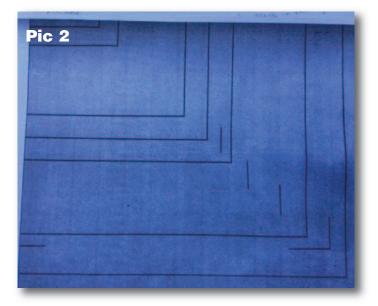
Add white to the Jenkins green with a touch of raw sienna on a feather which has been wetted with clear glaze. Apply to surface making fractures as a matrix structure keeping the process going but apply lighter colours as you go. Make the white the last vein fracture colour to the panel



Mouldings

Set out profile (see pic 1) according to design chosen for the moulding. Here I have chosen a picture frame style with white wax crayon. Pic 2 has different widths which I made as a template on paper.





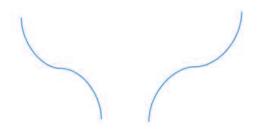
When setting out the moulding, try to imagine a light source shinning from one angle. I have used top and right side light / white. Bottom and left side dark shading under the wax lines

To do this shading I have used Jenkins Green and a little black. I have applied it over a re-glazed wet marked out areas along the lines to give a painted shadow. Stipple the edges to soften away from the sharper line.

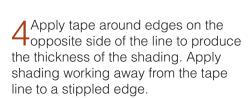




OUse a mitred corner to produce the effect of a shaped moulding. I used the "S" shape and reverse it for the other side.



For flat corners without shape, use a 45% angle. Use tape to form the thickness of the shadows (as in photos) this helps gauge the thickness of the lines.











To finish, use a water based satin varnish and apply Several coats to the desired quality. Here I have gone for a commercial finish of Marble Painting.

Last stage, go and make yourself a cuppa, return and smile.



On test: Sheet Sanders

We all know that the secret of a good finish is preparation, a smooth surface will give a smooth finish and to that end we asked some of the suppliers to send along their wares to look. To keep a good focus we looked at just 1/4, 1/2 and 1/3 sheet sanders and just to spice it up a detail sander, we'll do a survey of those next time.

Draper 86342 Stormforce

Guide Price From Screwfix (F	£ 27.66 Free UK delivery)
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Wattage	135
No Load OPM	12,000
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Weight	2.0kgs
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Low cost high value 1/3 sheet orbital sander complete with a dust box and is presented in a blown plastic case and you will find three sanding sheets of 1 X P60, 1X p120 and a sheet of P240. In the case you'll also find a hole punch in case you have bought sheets without holes that allow the passage of dust to the dust hox





Makita BO4900

Guide Price	£164.88 Powertools 4U
½ sheet or 1/3	1/2
Wattage	330
No Load OPM	10,000
Weight	2.7kgs
Contact	01908 211678

Another big and chunky ½ sheet orbital sander, normal high end quality one expects from Makita. Positive front ball type front handle but alas no rubber coating to the handles. Makita put just the one sanding sheet into the cardboard box with the dust bag. If you want speed control you'll have to fork out a bit extra for the BO9400V.

Makita BO4555

Guide Price	£64.99 Screwfix
½ sheet ¼ or 1/3	1/4
Wattage	600
No Load OPM	14,000
Weight	1.1kgs
Contact	01908 211678



A neat little ¼ sheet palm sander with a somewhat fiddly on/off switch if wearing gloves in the front of where the operator would put their palm. The top of the sander is coated in a rubber material. Attaching the sanding sheet is a simple and easy operation with a lever operated clamp fore and aft of the pad. Along with a dust bag there is an unusual sandpaper punch to place holes in the sheet to facilitate free flow of air for the dust extraction to the little bag. Very well made tool.

Screwfix 9013G Erbauer ERB617SDR

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s is the fashion nowadays the Renault Master arrived looking very imposing, indeed with its massive slanting headlights and almost smiling face and the Renault icon big and proud in the middle of the grill. With five power settings the 2.2 litre diesel is found in all of the versions whether they're are front or rear wheel drive or even 4X4. There are pickups, panel vans, crew vans and can also be supplied in chassis cab form. The choice of power settings start at 110hp, 130hp, fitted with a single turbo and the 145hp, 165hp and 170hp, being in twin turbo form.

The version of Master supplied to me was the LM35 having a 145bhp 2.2 diesel which is halfway up the Master food chain. I found it a delight to drive and like most vans in these enlightened times, at least for van drivers, was almost car like to drive. The twin turbos certainly make the van lift its skirts and one can find oneself the wrong side of 70mph before it is realised.

Out on the road you find the steering is a

trifle on the light side so no massive biceps needed but some might find it a little on the vague side. Changing to any of the six speeds is by the dash mounted stick found on most vans nowadays which allows the driver easy access to the other side of the cab if its necessary to park hard up against a wall on the driver's side. There are six speeds in the gearbox and only the 170hp version has the Quckshift6 automated transmission and only with front wheel drive. The handbrake found between the seats is the normal press button type.

The cab is very well designed and a lot of thought has obviously gone into it. There is a host of cubbyholes in the doors and the dash and the cab storage space combined is 150 litres. In each of the doors is a slot for a 2 litre bottle to ward off dehydration. On the top of the dash is a slide down clipboard for those important delivery forms and places to see the address where you need to go.

If driven with an eye on the cost of diesel the LM35 version should with the 145hp

engine return around 40mpg and the 145hp engine is the best in the whole range in terms of economy in front wheel drive setup and is also the best for the lowest emissions at 183g/km. Service intervals are set at 25000 or 24 months.

All the Master panel vans are fitted with a full height bulkhead keeping the front seat occupants safe from flying objects in times of hard braking. There are many lashing points on the floor of the cargo area. A loading pack costing an extra £800 consists of a resin coated plywood covering, a right side sliding door, 270 degree opening rear doors and floor a three button key fob. And a further £500 will see you get 16inch alloys and front fog lights.

There were many extras on the test van which I could see many employers not buying except for the sat nav as that does



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save so much time an wasted miles. However the R-Link Evolution multimedia system giving you an MP3, CD player and Dab radio plus Bluetooth at a not insignificant £675, along with the metallic paint, £450, rear step, £350, additional anchorage points, £75, 105 litres fuel tank, £100, cornering lights, £130, Cruise control and speed limiter, £250, rear parking camera, £350. He would have to be a very kindly and generous boss to afford his staff that level of luxury.

All in all though, an excellent van, great to drive, and has a high build quality.

Basic 'On the Road' Price £38,551 as tested £42,231

Specification:

Engine Type 4 In Line Diesel
Capacity 2.298cc
BHP 145 @ 3,500rpm

Torque 340 @ 1,500rpm

Gearbox Transmission

6 Speed Manual

Brakes

Ventilated Discs Front

Disks Rear + ABS, EBD, EBA

Steering Power Assisted

Fuel Economy

Combined 39.2mpg (Approx)

Dimensions:

Overall Length 5048mm

Overall Width

2470mm with door mirrors

Height 2303mm

Wheelbase 3182mm

Internal Width 1380mm between wheel arches

Gross Vehicle Weight 3,500Kgs

Payload 1602Kgs

Max Trailer Weight Unbraked 750Kgs

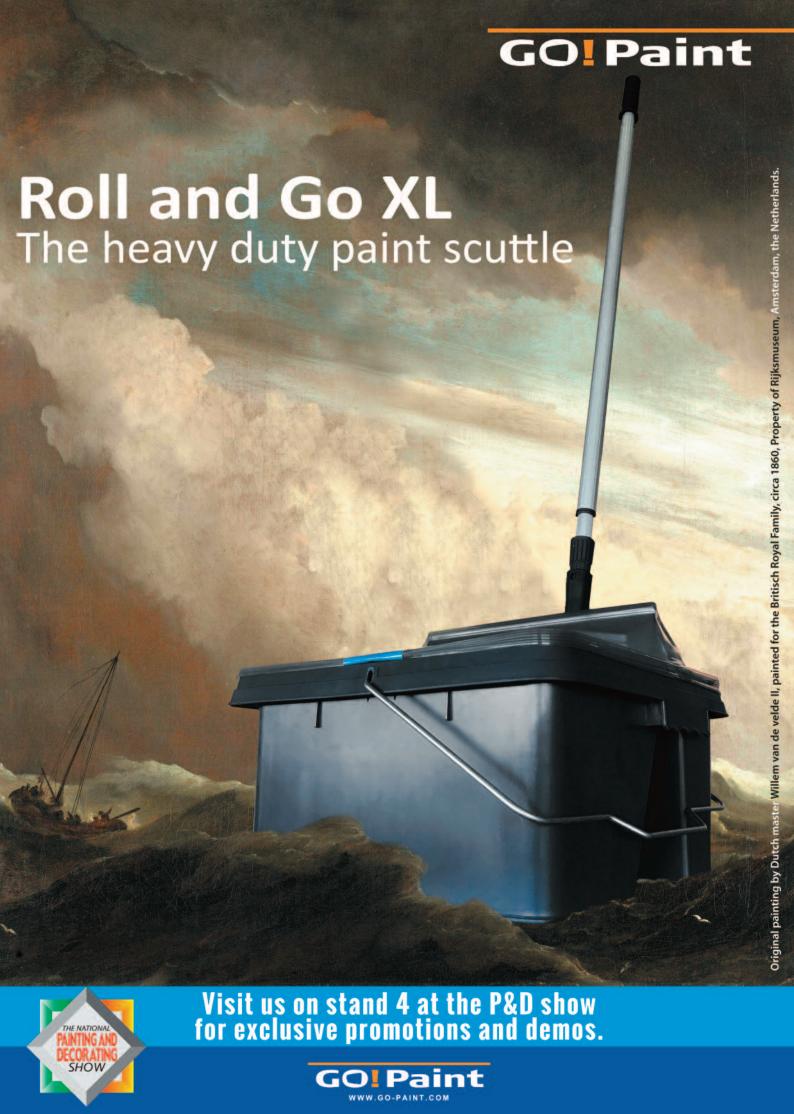
Max Trailer Weight Braked

2,500Kgs

Kerb Weight 1898Kg







Liberon's exterior furniture cream

Liberon has launched an Exterior Furniture Cream which can be applied quickly and easily by hand, with a cloth.

Ideal for all types of exterior woods, the formula protects and preserves exterior timber, maintaining its natural appearance.

Quick and easy to apply with a cloth, with no need for a brush and

no need for surface preparation, the cream penetrates deep into the wood to offer a superior level of protection against water, stains and UV damage. The cream can be used on top of oils and varnishes for a natural finish and is available in clear or teak.



Tile with time on your side

We all know that certain tiling jobs call for more fixing time. That's why Dunlop's Flexible Slowset Floor & Wall Tile Adhesives sets nice and slow, giving you up to 20 minutes to fix and adjust your tiles.

Water and frost resistant, Dunlop Flexible Slowset can be used internally and externally and is suitable for use with floor and walls tiles including porcelain, ceramic, mosaics, quarry tiles and brick slips.



A flexible C2TE adhesive, Dunlop Flexible Slowset is perfect for underfloor heating or swimming pools, and because of its slow-setting formulation it has a pot life of 4-5 hours after mixing – meaning less mixes for larger jobs.































Clean up with Crown Trade Clean Extreme



The power of Crown Trade Clean Extreme has seen the product gain a new style billing, focused on its stain removing powers.

Crown Paints has repackaged its polished performer – one of the most popular products in the Crown Trade range among decorators – to highlight its class-leading capabilities.

New packaging designs for the Crown

Trade Clean Extreme range of products highlight that the product is 100 per cent more stain resistant than standard matt vinyl emulsion paint - and can be scrubbed up to 10,000 times.

Available in Scrubbable Matt and Durable Acrylic Eggshell, Crown Trade Clean Extreme comes with an ISO 11998 Class 1 scrub rating and is geared up to cope with stringent cleaning regimes, ultimately reducing the need for costly redecoration by minimising wear and tear.

This ensures the product retains its 'as good as new' finish for the long-term, extending maintenance cycles in heavy traffic areas.



FEIN is now offering special editions of its current oscillating machines. Both the new versions of the corded and cordless Multi-Master and SuperCut will be supplied in a double Systainer, the end user benefitting from an average saving of £200 compared to buying each item individually.

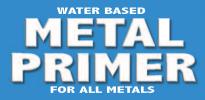
The double Systainer helps tradesmen to neatly store and transport both tools and accessories – saving the need for additional trips. The upper Systainer contains FEIN E-Cut saw blades, other oscillating multi-tool accessories and more. The tool itself is safely stowed in the lower compartment. Both tool cases are connected together using a click connector and they can also be linked to premium class FEIN Dustex extractors, as well as all extractors with Systainer fittings.













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Furniture wax



A rich, dark brown colour with butter-like texture that is virtually odourless, Frenchic's new Browning Wax will seal your painted furniture, and give it a depth of age and richness. Simply apply using Frenchic's signature waxing brushes, wipe off any excess and leave for 45 minutes until buffing.

The Frenchic range now includes 30 colours in their Original Range, 15 colours in their Lazy Range and 6 in their Al Fresco Range, alongside their Easy Crackle, Finishing Coat, waxes, stencils and accessories. All are EN:71-3 certified meaning they are safe to use on children's toys, and are virtually odour free with no VOCs.

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Self undercoating Albany

Albany Super Gloss and Super Satin are water based products which can be used on interior and exterior surfaces. Created using modern formulations, these new products are self undercoating, offer excellent opacity and dry quickly with little odour.

Albany Super Gloss and Super Satin will provide a longer lasting whiteness when compared to traditional oil based products. One litre of these new products will cover up to 15 sq metres, be touch dry within 2 hours and are recoatable after 4-6 hours. Super Gloss is

available in 1lt White and Black and 2.5lt White. Super Satin is available in 1lt White and 2.5lt White.

We apologise for using the incorrect image to accompany Albany's oil based satin product story in the last issue and indeed the missing hyphen. Drying time is 4-6 hours and not 46 hours.



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The unique FlexLiner™ Bag System allows you to spray at any angle, even up-side down. It delivers superior fine finish results, while reducing clean up time.

Washability and abrasion resistance





Designed for dry and humid spaces where good washability and abrasion resistance is required, Timantti 20 is a semi-matt special acrylate waterborne paint from TeknosPro. It is especially suited to the interior walls and ceilings of kitchens, bathrooms, halls and staircases in schools, hospitals, food processing premises and other similar facilities.

The Timantti product family comprises a series of professional grade products designed to endure, protect and isolate. Timantti 20 is mildew resistant and the painted surface can be washed repeatedly. Together with Timantti W moisture sealer, the paint is included in a coating system for wet rooms, approved by the Swedish Måleribranschens Våtrumskontroll (MVK).

Environmentally friendly, TeknosPro coatings comply fully with European VOC emission standards and REACH regulations. Timantti 20 has low VOC levels and no odour and is classified to Group M1 of the emission classification of building materials - the best classification and standard for low-emission.







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Bosch 18 V cordless tool range expands



Bosch has added six new products in the growing 18 Volt cordless power tool market. Adding extra options in terms of hammer drilling, angle grinding, shearing, nibbling and dust extraction, they expand the Bosch Professional 18 V Li-Ion range to more than 40 tools.

The collection includes a wide variety of drills, drivers and hammers for different applications. There are other tools for sawing, cutting, grinding, planing and sanding, along with dust extractors, lights and even an onsite radio.

Drywall taping

The National Arasives MudGun drywall finishing system is designed to help both professionals and inexperienced users tape drywall faster with much less mess using a preloaded, adjustable applicator. The MudGun contains everything required, says the company, for embedding tape and finishing the surface. It's available in two versions; one that uploads joint compound/mud directly from a 17-20 litre bucket; and a second that uses pre-packaged MudPaks (premixed joint compound) for quick and easy lo National Abrasivesading. A conversion kit is also available to turn the MudGun Easy Load into a bucket-loading system.





New Durable Acrylic Matt

Macpherson Trade Paints has developed a new Durable Acrylic Matt, featuring a waterbased formulation that is both stain and

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resistant. The
hardwearing,
value-for-money
product offers a
great finish for
interior walls and
ceilings, with
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recognised hallmarks of quality and reliability.

Available in Brilliant White, Magnolia and over 7,000 tint shades, Macpherson Trade Paints' Durable Acrylic Matt can be applied by roller, brush or spray.

It is touch dry in two hours and ready for recoating after four hours.

The clear advantages of Osmo

Osmo UK, has developed a quality finish to protect, maintain and restore exterior wood. Osmo UV-Protection-Oil has been specially designed to preserve the natural colour of the wood.

Osmo UV-Protection-Oil is a clear, satin finish for exterior application onto vertical wooden structures only such as doors, cladding, fencing etc. Based on natural oil, it does not crack, flake, peel or blister. This natural protective finish has been produced to resist the greying effect on exterior wood due to exposure to the sun, maintaining the wood's natural aesthetics. The UV-Protection-Oil 410 consists of natural ingredients and is safe for use on children's play equipment, flower boxes as well as animal housing, whilst UV-Protection Oil Extra 420 contains additional active-ingredients perfectly blended in order to reduce algae and fungal decay and provide optimal protection during winter periods.

Snickers climate control workwear

A change of season means a change of focus on what you wear on site, so Snickers FLEXIWork, RUFFWork, LITEWork and ALLROUND Workwear ensures you keep your cool when the heat is on or warm and comfortable when the temperature drops.

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Wagner's

new Control Pro

The new Airless paint sprayers from Wagner feature reduced pressure, minimised overspray and maximised control. That means fast, efficient paint application



WAGNER Control Pro Anwendung Lasur

Wagner's Control Pro systems work with low pressure, delivering a very fine spray jet thanks to pioneering pump technology and the new WAGNER HEA nozzle.

The reduced pressure and innovative nozzle make these machines easy for anyone to use. Paint is applied in a gentle spray that provides greater control, thereby reducing errors and eliminating the need to cut in corners and edges. With up to 55 percent less overspray, the need for masking is reduced.

Using different nozzles, Control Pro can handle a wide range of paints including wateror solvent-based emulsion, vinyl, matt, silk, gloss, smooth masonry, primer, enamel, satin, lacquer, undercoat, stain and varnish. A direct intake function draws paint directly from the original container. So even large-scale projects can be carried out quickly and conveniently, without constant refilling.

Depending on the model, Control Pro sprayers come with either a carry handle or wheels. There's even an integrated storage box for tools and accessories.

Included as standard with all Control Pro systems is a high-quality Airless gun. This lightweight, ergonomic gun can be used for extended periods without getting tired. A one-finger lock also allows users to unlock the gun and spray using just one hand. Also included is a nozzle for wall and ceiling paints and another for wood and metal paints. Further HEA nozzles are available as accessories, and so is a nozzle extension that increases the reach – for spraying ceilings without a ladder, for example.



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