

Important Finishing Instructions for Enviro-Green Composite (EGC)

Carriage House Doors



Fimbel Architectural Door Specialties (FADS) warrants that its door sections are manufactured to meet or exceed industry standards at time of shipment. Failure to follow the recommended finishing instructions MAY lead to premature failure and void the factory warranty.

THESE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING FADS PRODUCTS:
Colonial States (CEH), Roaring Twenties EGC (REV, REB, REH), Roaring Twenties Raised Panel EGC (RER)

Important note prior to selecting paint:

For ALL colors, light and dark, use only paints and gel-stains designed to be used with vinyl products, as these paints are formulated to be heat reflective, and will not cause the door to expand. If you are gel staining your door, follow the manufacturer's application instructions on the can.

1. We recommend finishing the sections PRIOR to installation for proper coverage and to limit potential "blocking" (sticking) in the joints of totally uncured paint. Fimbel ADS offers finishing options in both paint and gel stain. Contact your dealer for pricing. Depending upon the paint or gel stain chosen, a minimum of several days to a number of weeks could be required to fully cure the finish. The longer the sections are allowed to dry PRIOR to installation, the better.
2. Door sections ship factory primed ready for paint or gel stain. Enviro-Green, like most composites, has minor defects and pitting resulting from the manufacturing process. Some customers like to leave the surface unfilled, particularly when gel-staining, as these defects add character in what some would call a distressed or antique look. Other customers want a smooth finish, which is recommended if the door is to be painted. Fimbel ADS offers Enviro-Green doors prepared both ways – check with your dealer.
3. Fimbel ADS recommends Sherwin Williams Vinyl-Safe Latex paint. This paint is ideal for composites, and comes in 3 different formulations: SuperPaint, Resilience, and Duration. We have found the Resilience blend to work best. Be careful to FULLY cover all surfaces, but not overload the joint areas with too thick a coat of paint. The installed door sections will shut tightly, and painted surfaces of joints will touch each other.
4. After the door is allowed to dry, treat the joints with "Pledge" natural beauty furniture polish (**IN THE YELLOW CAN**) to assist as a release agent for the surfaces that have been painted or gel-stained. Do this PRIOR to operating a newly finished door. Spray "Pledge" on a rag and apply an ample coat to both the upper and lower edges of the door sections, where they join together. We recommend an annual maintenance coat of "Pledge" in the joint areas to assist in the trouble free operation of the door. As an added benefit, using "Pledge" will help keep the joints free from airborne dust and dirt, contributing to the door's appearance and proper function.

CAUTION!! It is important to take the time to finish your doors according to the instructions above, to achieve a long lasting finish. A common MISTAKE is to assume that the paint has cured, and is hard enough to stack the sections in a pile to save space, etc. Most latex paints remain tacky for some time and could cause damage if allowed to adhere to another surface.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should the painted sections be allowed to lay flat on top of each other or lean against each other or lean against other surfaces when not installed. This could potentially cause the paint from one section to adhere to the paint on another section, and result in damage to the door sections when they are pulled apart, pulling off material in the process. This is not covered under our warranty. Please contact us at 908-534-1732 x 11 or sales@fimbelads.com with any questions.