# FrameSaver<sup>®</sup> FusionFrame<sup>™</sup> Finishing Instructions

# **GENERAL NOTES:**

- **Smooth White Frames:** Top coating is not required, however if a coating is desired, follow the instructions below.
- **Textured Stainable Frames:** Requires top coating. Apply a finish coat before installation or immediately afterwards, but in no case more than 30 days after installation. Direct exposure of unfinished frames to sunlight and weathering may lead to degradation of color and appearance.
- DO NOT coat weatherstrip or corner pads. Coatings may contain solvents which, when coming in contact with plastics and vinyl used in weatherstripping, can cause these materials to lose their flexible qualities and reduce their performance.

## FRAME PREPARATION:

• Prior to top coating, the surface must be free of dust, dirt, oil, grease and other contaminants. If cleaning is necessary, mild soap and water is recommended.

## **FINISHING:**

Following the coating manufacturer's instructions on application techniques and temperatures, drying and recoating times, and application when precipitation is expected. Recommended finishes for each frame type include:

#### **Smooth White Frames:**

#### Textured Stainable Frame:

- Exterior Oil-Based Enamel
- Minwax Gel Stain + Minwax Helmsman Spar Urethane or Pro Series Spar Urethane
- Same-Day<sup>®</sup> Stain from Therma-Tru<sup>®</sup>

Other brands or types of finishes may provide acceptable appearance and durability. To promote adhesion of water-based finishes, the frame surface may need to be prepared by either wiping with acetone or mildly abrading with steel wool. Additionally a primer coat may be needed. Testing should be conducted on a non-visible surface and the final decision on the coating's acceptability is the responsibility of the user.

Note that multiple coats may be required in order to attain desired appearance and/or per the coating manufacturer's instructions.

## **MAINTENANCE:**

Frames should be inspected annually to determine condition of the coating. Refinishing of the clear protective coating should be conducted as needed or per the coating manufacturer's recommendations. Any signs of blistering, peeling or cracking the finish should be immediately repaired. Failure to properly maintain the topcoat will result in further coating degradation.

### **DISCLAIMER:**

• Since many factors influence the appearance and durability of finish coatings, Endura cannot be responsible for coatings applied to FrameSaver<sup>®</sup> FusionFrame<sup>™</sup> Products.



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