

# **ELEMENT GUARD™**

## **EXTERIOR FLAT FINISH U763**

#### **Features**

- Resists exposure to rain as soon as 60 minutes after application\*
- Provides a mildew-resistant coating
- Low temperature application down to 1.7 °C
- Limited Lifetime Warranty
- \* After application over wood, primed surfaces or previously painted surfaces (25 °C / 50% RH). Other surfaces such as hardboard or vinyl may require a longer dry time.

### General Description

Element Guard™ performs in any weather and is specially formulated to tackle one of the most difficult painting environments: high moisture. This premium exterior paint can be applied as soon as 60 minutes before rainfall and in temperatures down to 1.7 °C (35 °F). It provides excellent adhesion and resistance to cracking and peeling to withstand wind-driven rain, humidity and other harsh weather.

#### **Recommended For**

Exterior surfaces such as new or previously painted wood, hardboard siding, cured masonry, vinyl and unglazed brick.

#### Limitations

 Do not apply when air and surface temperatures are below 1.7 °C (35 °F).

Product Information		
Standard Colours	NA	
Tint Bases	1X, 2X, 3X and 4X	
Colorant System Gennex® Waterborne Colorants		

#### **Certifications & Qualifications:**

Master Painters Institute MPI # 10

The following results are based on independent, third-party laboratory testing:

ASTM D6904 Wind Driven Rain	Pass: (< 0.2)
1 coat Masonry Sealer; 1-2 coats of U763	
ASTM D3273/D3274 Mildew Resistance	Pass: No Growth
ASTM D1653 Water Vapor Permeance	32.9 perms
ASTM D522/522M Flexibility	Pass: No Cracking
ASTM D2370 Elongation & Tensile Strength	103% / 702 PSI

Technical data				
Vehicle Type		100% Acrylic		
Pigment Type		Titanium Dioxide		
Volume Solids		34.5 ± 2%		
Coverage per 3.79 L at Recommended Film Thickness		27.9 – 37.2 sq. m. (300 – 400 sq. ft.)		
Recommended Film Thickness	– Wet	101.9 – 135.8 μm (4.0 – 5.3 mils)		
	– Dry	35.1 – 46.9 μm (1.4 – 1.8 mils)		

Depending on surface texture and porosity. Be sure to estimate the right amount of paint for the job. This will ensure colour uniformity and minimize the disposal of excess paint.

Dry Time @ 25 °C	- To Touch	1 Hour
(77 °F) @ 50 % RH	<ul><li>To Recoat</li></ul>	4 Hours

Painted surfaces can be washed after two weeks. High humidity and cool temperatures will result in longer dry, recoat and service times.

Viscosity	102 ± 4 KU	
Flash Point		None
Gloss / Sheen		0.5 – 2.5 @ 85°)
Surface Temperature at Application	– Min.	1.7 °C (35 °F)
	– Max.	37.7 °C (100 °F)
Thin With		See Page 2
Clean Up Thinner		Clean Water
Weight Per 3.79 L		5.0 kg (11.1 lbs)
Storage Temperature	– Min.	4.4 °C (40 °F)
	– Max	32.2 °C (90 °F)

#### **Technical Assistance**

Available in the UK through Benjamin Moore UK showrooms and Authorized Stockists.

See <u>www.benjaminmoorepaint.co.uk/stores</u> for contact information.

Benjamin Moore corporate customer service +1 855-724-6802 or  $\underline{\mathsf{info@benjaminmoore.com}}$ 

### **Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)**

EU limit for this product is (Cat.A/c) 40 g/L MAX VOC 16 g/L

## **Surface Preparation**

Surfaces must be clean and free of grease, wax, and mildew. Remove any chalk and loose or scaling paint. If previously coated with cement-base waterproofing paints, clean by sandblasting. Glossy surfaces must be dulled. Un-weathered areas such as eaves, ceilings, and overhangs should be washed with a detergent solution and/or rinsed with a strong stream of water from a garden hose to remove contaminants that can interfere with proper adhesion. Stains from mildew must be removed. For metal surfaces, remove rust. Wipe down with paint thinner to remove surface oils.

Difficult Substrates: Benjamin Moore offers a number of specialty primers for use over difficult substrates such as bleeding woods, grease stains, crayon markings, hard glossy surfaces, or other substrates where paint adhesion or stain suppression is a particular problem. Your Benjamin Moore retailer can recommend the right problem-solving primer for your special needs.

## **Primer/Finish Systems**

New surfaces should be fully primed, and previously painted surfaces may be primed or spot primed as necessary. For best hiding results, tint the primer to the approximate shade of the finish coat, especially when a significant color change is desired.

Special Note: Certain custom colours require a Deep Colour Base Primer tinted to a special prescription formula to achieve the desired colour. Consult your retailer.

#### Wood, and engineered wood products:

Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046)

#### Bleeding Woods (Redwood, Cedar, etc.):

Fresh Start® Exterior Deck & Siding Primer (094) or Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046)

## Hardboard Siding, Bare or Factory Primed:

Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046)

#### Plaster (Cured):

Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046)

#### Vinyl Siding & Vinyl Composite:

In most cases, a primer is not necessary. Only areas of pitted and porous vinyl siding must be primed. In these cases, we recommend Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046)

Colors that are safe for use on vinyl siding - Do not paint vinyl with any color darker than the original color or having a Light Reflective Value (LRV) of less than 55 unless it is in the Benjamin Moore approved Colors for Vinyl palette and comports with the specific vinyl manufacturer guidelines when making the color selection and painting. Otherwise, the color will absorb more heat, possibly causing the siding to warp, resulting in additional repairs and expenses.

## Rough or Pitted Masonry:

Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior/Exterior Hi-Build Block Filler (571)

## Poured or Pre-cast Concrete/Fiber Cement Siding:

Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior / Exterior 100% Acrylic Masonry Sealer (608)

### Ferrous Metal (Steel and Iron):

Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04) or Super Spec HP® Alkyd Metal Primer (P06)

#### Non-Ferrous Metal (Galvanized & Aluminum):

All new metal surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned with Corotech® Oil & Grease Emulsifier (V600) to remove contaminants. New shiny non-ferrous metal surfaces that will be subject to abrasion should be dulled with very fine sandpaper or a synthetic steel wool pad to promote adhesion. Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04)

## Repaint, All Substrates:

Prime bare areas with the primer recommended above for the substrate.

## **Application**

Stir thoroughly before and during use. Apply one or two coats. For best results, use a premium Benjamin Moore® custom-blended nylon/polyester brush, premium Benjamin Moore® roller, or a similar product. Apply paint generously from unpainted area into wet area.

Brush: Nylon / polyester Roller: Premium Quality

Spray, Airless:

Pressure / 1,500 - 2,500 PSI

Tip / 0.013 - 0.017

## Thinning/Clean Up

Conditioning with Benjamin Moore® 518 Extender may be necessary under certain conditions to adjust open time or spray characteristics.

Add 518 Extender or water - Max of 236 mL to a can of 3.79 L Never add other paints or solvents.

Clean Up: Wash painting tools in warm soapy water immediately after use. Spray equipment should be given a final rinse with mineral spirits

## **Environmental Health & Safety Information WARNING**

Contains 5-Chloro-2-methyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone mixture with 2methyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone (3:1), Carbamic acid, butyl-, 3-iodo-2propynyl ester, 2-Methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one



#### **Hazard statements**

H317 - May cause an allergic skin reaction. H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.

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EUH211 - Warning! Hazardous respirable droplets may be formed when sprayed. Do not breathe spray or mist

#### Precautionary Statements - EU (§28, 1272/2008)

P101 - If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand. P102 - Keep out of reach of children. P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray. P280 - Wear protective gloves. P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of water and soap. P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.