

DULUX WATER BASED UNIVERSAL UNDERCOAT

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Dulux® Water-Based Universal Undercoat is an interior and exterior intermediate coating for use on correctly prepared and primed surfaces under decorative Topcoats.

PRODUCT USES

- May be used on suitably primed substrates such as cement plaster, gypsum plaster, concrete, fibre cement, PVC, galvanised iron, mild steel, iron, composite boarding and wooden surfaces, and other materials used in the construction industry.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Used as an undercoat to improve intercoat adhesion between the primer and decorative topcoats for interior and exterior use.
- Easy brushing and good levelling properties to provide a smooth base with excellent sanding properties.
- Used as added film with good filling properties to be incorporated as part of the paint system to improve the paint system performance, finish and protection properties.
- Quick drying water-based undercoat.
- Excellent Opacity & Adhesion properties.
- Green by Design Low VOC & Low Odour
- 100% APEO Free

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Appearance	Matt
Colour	White
Binder Type	Acrylic Copolymer emulsion
Density at 23°C	Approx. 1.52
Solids Content	By weight: Approx. 60% By volume: Approx. 40%
Spreading Rate	Approx. 12m ² per litre depending on surface porosity, profile and application method.
Recommended DFT per coat	Min. 25µm. Max. 35µm
Recommended WFT per coat	Min. 65µm. Max. 90µm
Flash Point	Non-flammable
VOC levels	This product contains maximum 16 g/l.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Mixing	Stir until homogeneous with a flat paddle.
Application Surface conditions	Surface Temperature between 8 - 35°C. Relative Humidity between 10 - 85 % OR 2°C above dew point minimum
Application methods	Brush, roller and airless spray. For best results use a good quality synthetic (nylon or polyester) brush, designed for use with water-based paints.
Thinner	Thinning is not usually necessary unless using as a primer on bare wood, in which case add up to 1 part of clean water to 10 parts of paint.
Drying Time	30 minutes at 23°C
Recoating Time	4 hours at 23°C (drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions).
Cleaning of equipment	After use, remove as much product as possible, and then clean immediately with water.
Substrates	Suitable for cement plaster, gypsum plaster, concrete, fibre cement, PVC, galvanised iron, mild steel, iron, composite boarding and wooden surfaces provided that appropriate preparation and priming is first carried out.
Precautions:	<p>Do not apply during cold (below 10°C) or wet weather.</p> <p>Not suitable as a primer.</p> <p>Surfaces must be clean, dry, free from all defective or poorly adhering material, dirt, grease, wax etc.</p> <p>Treat knots with an appropriate knotting solution.</p> <p>Newly painted doors and windows should not be closed (tightly) until the paint is fully dry.</p> <p>Not suitable for direct application to powdery or friable surfaces whether previously painted or not.</p> <p>When applying water-based paints to surfaces previously decorated with a conventional solvent-based paint, very thorough surface preparation will be necessary.</p> <p>Not designed to withstand natural weathering. It should be recoated in 2 to 3 days.</p>
Coats Required	1 coat but may require a 2nd coat depending on the application.
Top Coating	Can be over coated with most Dulux decorative finishes.

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SURFACE PREPARATION

Plaster sand should comply with SABS 1090 requirements. Plaster mix must be applied at a minimum thickness of 10mm, curing to a hard and sound finish, free of soft and friable material. MPA strength must comply with SABS 0164-1 (10MPa=2, 6:1 and 5MPa=4:1).

To get the best results, ensure surfaces to be painted are sound, clean and dry (new surfaces particularly must be thoroughly dry - no more than 12% moisture content) and free from all defective or poorly adhering material such as dirt, grease and wax. Thoroughly rub down previously painted surfaces, using 'wet flattening' methods where possible, and then wipe off with a damp, lint free cloth. Special precautions should be taken during surface preparation of pre-1960s paint surfaces over wood and metal as they may contain harmful lead.

NEW SURFACES - INTERIOR

Cement Plaster (non-friable), Composite Boarding and Fibre Cement

- Fresh cement plaster should be allowed one week drying for every 5mm thickness; and longer in cold or damp weather conditions.
- Spot-prime metal strips and nail heads with **Dulux Rustshield** or **Dulux Steel Primer**.
- Prime with one coat of **Dulux Plaster Primer** or **Dulux Plaster Primer Water-Based** or **Dulux Trade Alkali Resistant Primer**.
- For very absorbent surfaces more than one coat of selected primer could be required to achieve correct binding and sealing properties.

Gypsum Plaster - Interior

- Newly applied Gypsum Plaster can present variable surface finishes based on the application method, the quality and type of gypsum plaster used. This can present variability in the finish of the applied gypsum in terms of surface hardness, texture and porosity. This may require added attention during priming.
- Ensure the gypsum plaster is sound and non-friable, applied and cured as per the manufacturer's specifications.
- After wiping down the gypsum plaster, no chalky powder should remain on the surface.
- If the gypsum is sound, apply a single coat **Dulux Plaster Primer** or **Dulux Trade Alkali Resistant Primer**.
- As gypsum plaster is a very porous surface, absorption of the applied plaster primer may occur. To test for this, wipe a black cloth over the dried applied **Dulux Plaster Primer** or **Dulux Trade Alkali Resistant Primer** to test its integrity. If a white residue is found on the back of the cloth, apply 1 to 2 further coats of the respective **Dulux Plaster Primer** or **Dulux Trade Alkali Resistant Primer** applied, to achieve the correct binding and sealing properties.

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Concrete

- Remove any uncured cement, grease, and mould-release agents by high-pressure water blast, or wash with a strong solution of **Dulux Pre-Paint Sugar Soap**.
- Rinse off thoroughly with clean water.
- Prime with one coat **Dulux Plaster Primer**, **Dulux Plaster Primer Water-Based** or **Dulux Trade Alkali Resistant Primer**.

Galvanised Iron (new, non-roof sheeting surfaces) and Aluminium

- Remove all traces of temporary protective coating, dirt and grease from the surface with **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner**. Ensure complete removal of **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner** by rinsing with running water. A water-break free surface indicates thorough cleaning - running water should not form droplets. If a water-break free surface was not achieved, repeat the cleaning process.
- Prime immediately after cleaning with two coats **Dulux Rustshield** or prime with one full coat of **Dulux Galvanised Iron Primer** or **Dulux Trade Corrocote 1**

Galvanised Iron (unpainted, weathered non-roof sheeting surfaces)

- Remove all loose rust and white scale by means of wire brushing, sanding, chipping, or mechanical scouring - down to bright metal. To remove dirt, salts and zinc corrosion (white rust) clean thoroughly with **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner** achieving a water-break free surface.
- Areas showing red rust must be removed back to bright galvanised iron.
- Prime immediately after preparation with two coats **Dulux Rustshield** or spot prime red rust prepared areas with **Dulux Trade Corrocote 1** or **Dulux Galvanised Iron Primer** followed by one full coat of the same primer.

Mild Steel and Iron

- Inspect shop-primer thoroughly for damage by installation. Abrade new surfaces lightly and remove rust, mill scale by sanding, scraping or with steel wire brushes back to sound mild steel and iron or sandblast to SA 2½.
- Ensure that the sanded areas are dry and free of grease and dust. A solvent wash (rags dipped in lacquer thinner) may be used. Change the rags frequently. Allow drying, OR clean with **Dulux Galvanised Iron Cleaner** according to technical data sheet.
- Prime immediately after preparation with two coats **Dulux Rustshield** or one to two coats **Dulux Steel Primer**, depending on the severity of the conditions. Two coats recommended for coastal conditions.

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NEW SURFACES

Wooden Surfaces

- Timber treated with borer- or fire retardant may cause slow drying (consult supplier).
- Treat knots in timber with Knotting Agent.
- Spot prime nail heads with **Dulux Rustshield** or **Dulux Steel Primer**.
- Prime with one coat **Dulux Wood Primer**.
- Special attention must be given to painting the end grain to avoid moisture penetration - apply a second coat after 10 - 20 minutes.

PREVIOUSLY PAINTED SURFACES

- Loose, flaking paint must be completely removed. Hard glossy surface, i.e. enamel surfaces should be sanded to a matt finish to provide a key and improve inter-coat adhesion.
- Remove oil, grease dirt or any other contaminants with **Dulux Pre-Paint Sugar Soap** Powder/water solution and allow drying.
- Spot-prime exposed substrate areas with the appropriate primer.
- Build up spot-primed areas with **Dulux Universal Undercoat Water Based** to the same level as the rest of the paintwork.
- Sand smooth after overnight drying.

FILLING

Fill all imperfections with the appropriate **Dulux Pre-Paint** filler and spot prime filled areas with appropriate Dulux Primer once the crack filler has dried properly. Failure to do this will result in uneven sheen levels between the repaired and normal areas.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Warning: Contains 1,2-benzisothiazol-3(2H)-one, methylisothiazolinone, CMIT/MIT (3:1). May cause an allergic skin reaction. Warning! Hazardous respirable droplets may be formed when sprayed. Do not breathe spray or mist.

Dulux paints contain no added lead. Avoid contact with skin or eyes. Keep out of reach of children. If accidentally swallowed, seek medical advice and show this container to the doctor. Dry sanding, flame cutting, and/or welding of the dry paint film will give rise to dust and/or hazardous fumes. Wet sanding should be used wherever possible. If exposure cannot be avoided by the provision of local exhaust ventilation, suitable respiratory protective equipment should be used. Do not empty into drains or watercourses. Ensure good ventilation during application and drying.

Safety and Technical datasheets available on request. Call a POISON CENTRE or doctor /physician if you feel unwell. Dispose of contents and container in accordance with all local, regional, national or international regulations.

To avoid the risk of spillage, always store and transport containers in a secure, upright position.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Packaging	1Lt, 5Lt & 20Lt
Storage Conditions	Store and use under cool dry conditions away from direct sunlight, extreme heat and extreme cold.
Disclaimers	For best colour and sheen consistency, it is advisable to use containers of the same batch number, or to mix different batches together in a large container, or to finish in a corner before starting a new container.

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