



SOLUTIONS

TOUCH-UP PROBLEM?

When people have a touch-up problem with latex flat wall paints, they usually come in two varieties:

1. A color difference when you're looking directly at the wall at a 90° angle.
2. Sheen or burnishing type problems when you look directly down a long sight wall towards a glass door or window at the end.

These are two entirely different problems with two very separate and distinct solutions.

First, the color touch-up problem. Almost always these touch-up problems appear light in comparison to the surrounding wall. This is usually because of two issues.

1. The wrong paint has been used, or
2. The first coat of paint did not fully opacify (hide) the surface and the touch-up appears lighter because it is a fully hiding second coat. This is especially true on attempted one coat paint jobs on new drywall.

We at Scott Paint are proud of the hiding and touch-up qualities of all of our interior latex flats. When used properly and applied to full opacity, you should not have a touch-up problem when viewed head on. Slick finish or textured drywall in new construction is a highly porous, paint absorbent, gray colored paper that is very difficult to hide completely in one coat, regardless of paint quality. When you airless spray or roll one coat, enough paint must be applied to fully hide the substrate.

The second problem, that of looking along a wall towards a window, usually looks great when viewed directly, but shows up as a halo or sheen difference when viewed at the angle. These conditions will show a raised area of thicker paint where touch-ups are performed, which will indeed show a difference in sheen and appearance. When using a brush, it is virtually impossible for a sight wall to touch-up without a slight ridge being noticed and a halo effect occurring. Our experience is that the best way to touch-up these sight walls is by using a Whizz Brand Mini Roller, rolling the paint out to avoid an excessive thickness. The Whizz roller texture blends in much better than using a brush to touch-up.

Touching up new construction interior walls is at best a difficult task. Scott Paint Company cannot guarantee the touch-upability of its paint on one coat jobs on new drywall. For best results, we recommend the use of the proper Scott latex drywall primer. Applying sufficient paint thickness with an airless sprayer can be achieved with any Scott paint with proper attention and care. Then backrolling should eliminate most common touch-up problems in the field. Ultimately, virtually every touch-up problem disappears after the paint is allowed to fully cure and the dwelling units are completed with furniture, carpets, draperies, etc. to minimize the bouncing around of reflected light.

For further information about drywall painting techniques or specifications to ensure a quality, problem free job, please refer to the publication "Specifications for Drywall Finishes" available from your Scott Paint store manager or sales representative.

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