

# STAINING SEQUENCE

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# Staining

FIBERGLASS DOORS  
and other simulated woodgrain surfaces

## Finishing Instructions

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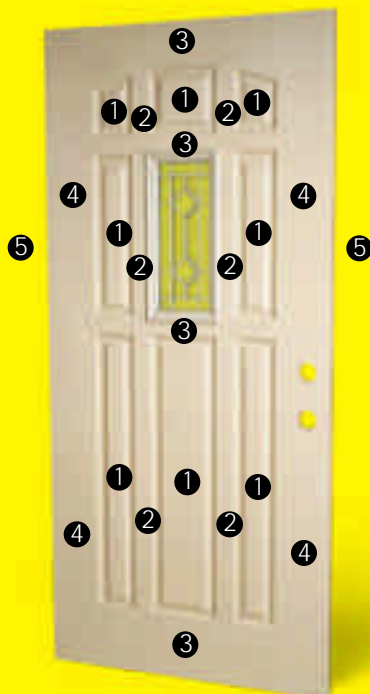
# 4 EASY STEPS TO A BEAUTIFUL DOOR

Professional results the first time!

Stain all door panels following the order indicated on the diagram below .

- ① Raised panels and surrounding recessed areas
- ② Inside panels that have a vertical grain
- ③ Inside panels that have a horizontal grain
- ④ Outside panels that have a vertical grain
- ⑤ Outside edges of the door

"DIAGRAM A"



NOTE: Your door design may vary from the one illustrated. The sequence in staining panels, however, is much the same.



- 8 fl. oz. THICK 'n EZY® Gel Stain
- 16 fl. oz. Satin Polyurethane
- 4 fl. oz. Bottle of Mineral Spirits
- 1 2" Natural Bristle Brush
- 1 2" Foam Brush
- 1 Pair of Latex Gloves
- 1 Clean, Lint-free Cloth (for removing excess stain)
- 1 Stir Stick

Other items you may need to complete this project include:

- Phillips Screwdriver
- Masking Tape and Paper
- Hammer
- Saw Horses (padded)
- Extra Cleanup Rags
- Extra Mineral Spirits
- Putty Knife
- Utility Knife

This Staining Kit is designed to stain all fiberglass , carbonite, composition and other simulated woodgrain surfaces, as well as stainable door frames .

## Staining the Doorjamb/Door Frame

The Gel Stain can also be used to stain the doorjamb/door frame and mullions. Apply stain with the foam brush and use the 2" bristle brush to soften and blend stain to match door and trim.



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# BEFORE YOU BEGIN

## A FEW BASICS

- Thoroughly read and follow all instructions as printed in this brochure and on the product labels.
- Review contents contained in kit and gather other supplies needed.
- Provide a dust free working environment, that is well lit with good drying conditions.
- Work in a well ventilated area while applying stain and polyurethane. Pay close attention to all product cautions.
- Remove the door from its hinges and place flat on padded saw horses or substitute supports.
- Remove all hardware (hinges, doorknobs, locks and weather stripping).

## SURFACE PREPARATION

- Trim or scrape the factory sealant that has seeped out between the window trim and the glass if applicable.
- Mask off any glass and weather stripping that was unable to be removed as well as the doorjamb.
- Using one of your extra cleanup rags, wipe the entire surface with either the provided mineral spirits or an all purpose cleaner. Wipe clean and allow to dry thoroughly.

## LET'S PRACTICE

- Stir the stain well. To obtain a feel for the staining process, pick a small flat area on the door to practice on.
- Apply stain liberally in this small area with the sponge brush and remove excess stain gradually until the depth of color is satisfactory. When finished practicing, remove the stain in this test area with the provided mineral spirits and your extra cleanup rags.

Let's get started on your project!

# LET'S BEGIN

## STEP 1

### APPLY THE STAIN



Stir the stain thoroughly to ensure product and color consistency. Using the 2" foam brush, apply a liberal coat of stain beginning with any number 1 panel (refer to "Diagram A"). Be sure to work the stain well into the embossed grain pattern. All corners and crevices of each work area should also be coated.

**Complete Steps 1, 2 and 3 for each panel, before moving on to the next panel as illustrated in "Diagram A". Remove excess stain around edges of panel with mineral spirits.**

## STEP 2

### REMOVE THE EXCESS STAIN



With the cloth provided, remove excess stain from the area coated. Concentrate on wiping the excess stain from the surface, but also allow the stain to accentuate the grain that is embossed in the fiberglass.

## STEP 3

### REMOVE STREAKS OR LAP MARKS



Gently brush out streaks or lap marks left behind using the 2" bristle brush. Dab brush in the corners or crevices to remove any heavy stain accumulations. Occasionally remove any excess stain from your brush bristles with one of your extra cleanup rags.

# FINAL STEP

## STEP 4

### PROTECT WITH POLYURETHANE FINISH



Wait at least 8 hours and up to 24 hours or longer depending on drying conditions before topcoating your stained door. (Refer to the instructions on the back of the Polyurethane label.) Using the 2" bristle brush or equivalent, brush in the direction of the grain. Apply in the same sequence as the stain application.

A minimum of 2 coats is recommended, waiting 6 hours between coats. Brushes should be cleaned up with mineral spirits.

## Exterior of Your Door

Should you elect to stain rather than paint the outside of your door, follow the same first 3 Steps. For Step 4 we recommend that you purchase a quality exterior spar-marine varnish to protect the exterior surface from the elements.

Keep in mind as you are staining that it is better to start light on the stain application. If a darker color is desired, apply a second coat of stain the same way as the first. When recoating, allow a minimum of 8-12 hours depending on drying conditions. Low temperatures and high humidity will increase drying time.

Clean up with mineral spirits. To avoid spontaneous combustion during temporary storage, soak soiled rags and waste immediately after use in a water-filled, closed metal container.

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