

PCA P19

Definition and Application of Decorative Finishes

1. Scope

- 1.1 The purpose of this Standard is to define the Skilled Trade of Decorative Finishing.
- 1.2 It is also the intent of this document to:
 - 1.2.1 Identify a representative sample and describe its use.
 - 1.2.2 Establish criteria for acceptance of substrate and surface preparation for decorative finishing.
 - 1.2.3 Establish criteria for acceptance of a decorative finish.
 - 1.2.4 Define responsibilities of the various parties of a contract when decorative finishes are to be applied.

2. Significance and Use

- 2.1 The decorative finishes on a project should be applied by the Painting Contractor, its assigns, or another contractor that specializes in decorative finishes.
- 2.2 Conflicts can arise between the contractors providing decorative finishes if other entities are providing subsequent surface preparation and base coats and the specified finishes or functions are absent clarity.
- 2.3 All parties providing decorative finishes or subsequent surface preparations must have clear criteria upon which to base the division of work on and criteria for the acceptance of such completed work.

3. Definitions and Trade Terms

- 3.1 Definitions and Trade Terms see P9.

4. Reference Documents and Standards

- 4.1 Reference Documents and Standards see P9.

5. Standard Specification

- 5.1 Prior to the application of primer and base coats, surfaces shall be inspected and approved in accordance with PCA Standard P4.
- 5.2 The specifications shall indicate the number and type of primer and base coats to be applied by the Painting Contractor in the contract documents.
- 5.3 The Painting Contractor shall apply the specified paint coats to produce a properly painted surface as defined in PCA Standard P1.
- 5.4 The contractor that will apply decorative finishes on the project shall inspect painted surfaces for suitability to receive decorative finishes.
- 5.5 Representative Sample
 - 5.5.1 A sample board or Mock-up can be rendered in scale to give a representation of how the completed finish should appear. The size should be at least 11" x 14" or large enough to illustrate one full repeat of the design.
 - 5.5.2 The sample board or Mock-up is used to determine whether the colors and technique(s) are acceptable before any related work commences.
 - 5.5.3 Upon mutual agreement of the contractor providing decorative finishes and the contracting entity, a Benchmark Sample shall be produced in accordance with PCA Standard P5.
- 5.6 Criteria for Acceptance of a Decorative Finish.
 - 5.6.1 If the approved sample board or Mock-up is a reasonable representation of the completed work throughout the area of application, then the work shall be deemed to be acceptable.
 - 5.6.2 If, on the approved board or Mock-up, the pattern size had to be scaled down due to dimensional limitations, but the predetermined scale to actual scale is accurate, then the finish is deemed to be acceptable.

6. Comments

- 6.1 This Standard is intended to define the field of decorative finishing.
- 6.2 This Standard is intended to establish criteria for acceptance of the substrate and surface preparation for decorative finishing.
- 6.3 This Standard is intended to establish criteria for acceptance of a decorative finish.
- 6.4 This Standard clarifies areas of responsibility. Improved communication reduces misunderstandings.
- 6.5 This Standard is a nationally recognized consensus document for the painting and coating industry's work practices.

7. Disclaimer of Liability

- 7.1 PCA does not warrant or assume any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of any of the information contained herein.