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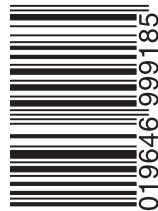
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We have all heard the free advice, 'naagh, you don't need to do that – just slap on a couple of coats of this stuff'. Just as we've also heard the story that goes, 'well, the job went from bad to worse. It all came off and we had to start again'. There really is a right way and a wrong way to do everything, and all decorating jobs around the house require different approaches.

This is why it is never a waste of time reading the manufacturers' recommendations. They always start with, 'remove flaky or unsound material and clean off any greasy, dusty or dirty residues'.

The manufacturers want you to get the best results possible from their products. This is why they give you all the information you need to get the right paint for your job. Most importantly, respect the drying times. If it says two hours to touch dry and six hours to recoat time, DO NOT second coat in two hours. The paint underneath will still be sticky and could come away on the roller or craze and wrinkle if you're glossing. Drying times are specified at normal temperatures (10degs – 25degs). At this time of year drying times can be doubled or even remain wet over cold nights and be spoiled by morning dews. Preparation is the key to success. Without it any job can go horribly wrong. If in doubt, ask for advice from the sales staff.

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