



# FRESH START®

## ALL-PURPOSE OIL BASED PRIMER

### C085

#### Features

- Blister resistant
- Stain Blocking
- Excellent adhesion
- Interior / Exterior
- Superior tannin blocking
- Enamel holdout
- Sandable
- Can be top coated with either latex or oil-based finishes
- Low VOC

#### Recommended For

Previously painted surfaces or as an undercoater / stain sealer on wood, drywall, plywood, ceiling tile, Formica®, Masonite® and ceramic tile. For exterior surfaces, use on new or previously coated exterior wood. It is an excellent stain suppressor and is recommended for blocking cedar and redwood bleed.

**Type of Stains:** Water stains, tannin bleed / tannin-rich woods, smoke damage, markers, crayons, pens, pencils, nicotine, hand & fingerprints, household stains such as coffee and many more.

#### General Description

A premium quality, interior and exterior, low VOC alkyd primer that provides excellent adhesion, sealing and stain blocking properties. This all-purpose primer is formulated to suppress most stains including: crayon, graffiti, grease marks, tannin bleeding, water stains, asphalt, creosote, rust and smoke stains. This all-purpose primer can be used over oil or latex paint and performs equally well under all Benjamin Moore® architectural finish coats. Fresh Start® All-Purpose Oil-based Primer gives you the ability to recoat in the same day.

#### Limitations

- On hard, non-porous surfaces, such as glazed ceramics and metal, maximum adhesion and hardness may take 3-4 days to develop. **Do not apply over galvanized metal.**
- Do not apply when air and surface temperatures are below 50 °F (10 °C).

#### Product Information

##### Colors — Standard:

White (00)

May be tinted with up to 2.0 fl. oz. of Benjamin Moore® Color Preview® colorants per gallon.

##### — Tint Bases:

N/A

##### — Special Colors:

Contact your Benjamin Moore representative.

##### Certifications & Qualifications:

##### VOC compliant in all regulated areas

Master Painter Institute MPI # 5, 45, 69 & 136

##### Technical Assistance

Available through your local authorized independent Benjamin Moore retailer. For the location of the retailer nearest you, call 1-866-708-9180 or visit [www.benjaminmoore.com](http://www.benjaminmoore.com)

Technical Data◊		
Vehicle Type	Alkyd	White
Pigment Type	Titanium Dioxide	
Volume Solids	65.6%	
Coverage per Gallon at Recommended Film Thickness	550 – 650 Sq. Ft.	
Recommended Film Thickness	— Wet — Dry	2.4 – 2.9 mils 1.6 – 1.9 mils
Depending on surface texture and porosity. Be sure to estimate the right amount of paint for the job. This will ensure color uniformity and minimize the disposal of excess paint		
Dry Time @ 77 °F (25 °C) @ 50% RH	— To Touch — To Recoat	1.5 Hours 3 – 4 Hours
Painted surfaces can be washed after two weeks. High humidity and cool temperatures will result in longer dry, recoat and service times		
Dries By	Evaporation, Oxidation	
Viscosity	93 ± 3 KU	
Flash Point	113 °F (45 °C)	
Gloss / Sheen	Flat (2 – 6 @ 60°)	
Surface Temperature at Application	— Min. — Max	50 °F (10 °C) 90 °F (32 °C)
Thin With	Do Not Thin	
Clean Up Thinner	Mineral Spirits	
Weight Per Gallon	14.0 lbs	
Storage Temperature	— Min. — Max	40 °F (4.4 °C) 90 °F (32 °C)

##### Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)

98.9 Grams/Liter 0.82 Lbs./Gallon

◊ Reported values are for White, Contact Benjamin Moore for values of other bases or colors

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## Surface Preparation

Surfaces to be painted must be clean, cured, dry and free of grease, wax, rust, chalk, and loose or scaling paint. Caution: Smooth planed clapboards or siding must be sanded thoroughly to break the "mill glaze" allowing proper penetration and adhesion. Un-weathered areas such as eaves, ceilings and overhangs should be washed with a detergent solution and/or rinsed with a strong stream of water from a garden hose to remove surface salts that can interfere with proper adhesion. Spot prime all nail holes, areas that need caulking or putty, and any bare wood. Re-prime all puttied areas before applying finish coat.

All surfaces must be thoroughly brushed with stiff fiber bristles to remove loose particles.

**Difficult Substrates:** Benjamin Moore® offers a number of specialty primers for use over difficult substrates. Your Benjamin Moore® retailer can recommend the right problem-solving primer for your needs.

**Mildew:** If mildew is present, it must be removed with a commercial mildew wash or it will continue to grow through the fresh coating. Caution: Follow manufacturer's direction. Use rubber gloves and protective clothing.

**WARNING!** If you scrape, sand or remove old paint, you may release lead dust. **LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE.** Wear a NIOSH approved respirator to control lead exposure. Carefully clean up with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead).

## Primer/Finish Systems

For best hiding results, tint primer to the approximate shade of the finish coat, especially when a significant color change is desired.

### Drywall:

**Primer:** Fresh Start® All-Purpose Oil Based Primer (C085) or Fresh Start® High-Hiding All Purpose Primer (046)

**Finish:** 1 or 2 coats of the appropriate Benjamin Moore® finish

### Wood:

**Primer:** Fresh Start® All-Purpose Oil Based Primer (C085)

**Finish:** 1 or 2 coats of the appropriate Benjamin Moore® finish

### Hardboard Siding:

**Primer:** Fresh Start® All-Purpose Oil Based Primer (C085)

**Finish:** 1 or 2 coats of the appropriate Benjamin Moore® finish

### Rough or Pitted Masonry:

**Primer:** Ultra Spec® Masonry Interior/Exterior Hi-Build Block Filler (571)

**Finish:** 1 or 2 coats of the appropriate Benjamin Moore® finish

### Ferrous Metal (Steel and Iron):

**Primer:** Super Spec HP® Alkyd Metal Primer (P06) or Fresh Start® All-Purpose Oil Based Primer (C085)

**Finish:** 1 or 2 coats of the appropriate Benjamin Moore® finish

**Non-Ferrous Metal (Galvanized & Aluminum):** All new metal surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned with Corotech® Oil & Grease Emulsifier (V600) to remove contaminants. New shiny non-ferrous metal surfaces that will be subject to abrasion should be dulled with very fine sandpaper or a synthetic steel wool pad to promote adhesion.

**Primer:** Ultra Spec® HP Acrylic Metal Primer (HP04)

**Finish:** 1 or 2 coats of the appropriate Benjamin Moore® finish

**Hard Glossy Alkyd Surfaces:** Abrasion by sanding required for optimum adhesion. Note: maximum adhesion and hardness may take 3-4 days to develop

**Repaint, All Substrates:** Prime bare areas with the primer recommended for the substrate above.

## Application

**Mixing of Paint:** Stir thoroughly before and occasionally during use. Apply 1 or 2 coats as received in the container. Two coats provides the maximum sealing and stain suppression. When spot-priming, double-coating or applying finish coat, allow at least 3-4 hours between coats.

For best results, use a Benjamin Moore® custom blended china bristle or nylon/polyester brush, Benjamin Moore® roller, or a similar product. This product can also be sprayed.

**Spray, Airless:** Fluid Pressure — 1,500 to 2,500 PSI;

Tip — .011 - .015 Orifice;

## Thinning/Clean Up

**DANGER** — Rags, steel wool or waste soaked with the product may spontaneously catch fire if improperly discarded. Immediately after use, place rags, steel wool or waste in a sealed water-filled metal container.

**USE COMPLETELY OR DISPOSE OF PROPERLY.** This product contains organic solvents which may cause adverse effects to the environment if handled improperly. Emptied containers may retain product residue. Follow label warnings even after container is emptied. Residual vapors may explode on ignition.

Disposal of wastes containing either organic solvents or free-liquids in landfills is prohibited. Local disposal requirements vary; consult your sanitation department or state-designated environmental agency for local disposal options.

## Environmental Health & Safety Information

### DANGER!

COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID AND VAPOR. VAPOR HARMFUL.

**Contains:** 4-Chlorobenzotrifluoride, Solvent Naphtha, Methyl ethyl ketoxime

HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED. ASPIRATION HAZARD. CAUSES IRRITATION TO EYES, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. MAY CAUSE ALLERGIC SKIN REACTION.

**Cancer Hazard:** Contains Crystalline Silica which can cause cancer when in the respirable form (spray mist or sanding dust).

**NOTICE:** Repeated or prolonged exposure to organic solvents may lead to permanent brain and nervous system damage. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling vapors may be harmful or fatal.

Keep away from heat and flame. **Use only with adequate ventilation.** Do not breathe vapors, spray mist or sanding dust. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged or repeated contact with skin. To avoid breathing vapors or spray mist open windows and doors or use other means to ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. If you experience eye watering, headache or dizziness or if air monitoring demonstrates vapor levels are above the applicable limits, wear an appropriate, properly fitted respirator (NIOSH approved) during and after application. Follow respirator manufacturer's directions for respirator use. Aspiration Hazard. Small amounts aspirated into the respiratory system may cause mild to severe pulmonary injury. Close container after each use. Wash thoroughly after handling.



**WARNING** Cancer and Reproductive Harm—  
[www.P65warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65warnings.ca.gov)

**FIRST AID:** If affected by inhalation of vapors or spray mist, remove to fresh air. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and get medical attention immediately; for skin, wash thoroughly with soap and water. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately.

**IN CASE OF FIRE** — Use foam, CO<sub>2</sub>, dry chemical or water fog.

**SPILL** — Absorb with inert material and dispose of as specified under "Clean Up".

## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

Refer to Safety Data Sheet for  
additional health and safety information.