



Van Sickle Tractor, Equipment & Industrial Enamel Q&A

Question: What colors of tractor paint do you offer?

Answer: Van Sickle offers agriculture's 33 most popular tractor colors, like John Deere, Case, Ford, and more, along with four primers. In addition, hundreds of custom colors are available for more obscure tractor, equipment, and machinery colors on a special order basis. Custom colors are available in 1 gallon, 1 quart, or a minimum of 6 spray cans, so you don't have to order full cases!

Question: How fast does this tractor paint dry?

Answer: Under normal drying conditions (70-80°), the formula of Van Sickle Tractor, Equipment & Industrial Enamel dries to touch within 2-4 hours, and can be recoated in 8-12 hours. For a faster primer-to-topcoat turnaround, our Self-Etching and Sandable primers are two options that can be recoated in one hour and can speed up your project according to your needs.

Question: Do I need to thin Van Sickle Tractor, Equipment & Industrial Enamel paint?

Answer: If you are spraying with air spray equipment, it is recommended to thin it. As directed, thin 8 parts paint to 1 part VM&P Naphtha as a starting point for air spray application. Additionally, many clients prefer spraying at a mix ratio of 5 parts paint to 1 part VM&P Naphtha. We also have R-05 Reducer in a pint container, which is a solvent blend that is the right proportion to perfectly mix a gallon of our tractor, equipment & industrial enamel. For brush or airless spray application, thinning is not required, but you may want to thin to eliminate any brush strokes and avoid applying too thick of a coat.

Question: Can I thin with lacquer thinner, automotive reducer, or another strong solvent instead of VM&P?

Answer: If the solvent or reducer is not designed to be used with enamel, you may run into film formation problems as the paint dries, and you could run into skinning or wrinkling of previous coats of paint.

Question: How is hardener used in your products?

Answer: While not required, adding hardener improves gloss retention and through-cure of the coating. We offer 7019 Tractor, Equipment & Industrial Enamel Hardener/Catalyst, our most effective hardener with up to double increased gloss retention. We offer 7028 Tractor, Equipment & Industrial Enamel Hardener/Accelerator, which provides up to 10% increased gloss retention and is an affordable alternative. Please note that proper chemical protection must be used when working with hardeners and other chemicals.

Question: What are the benefits of using a clear coat?

Answer: Van Sickle's Tractor, Equipment & Industrial Enamel Acrylic Lacquer Clear Coat formulation can be applied over our standard enamels when fully cured. The clear coat will provide a high-gloss cosmetic coat while providing an additional layer of protection and fade resistance. For improved chemical resistance, opt for adding a hardener rather than using our clear coat. The base coat must be dried for at least 48 hours or more; otherwise, issues may occur in recoat.

Question: What fast dry and high performance options do you provide?

Answer: Van Sickle's Performance Ag & Fleet Acrylic Enamel is an oil based Acrylic Enamel formulation. Van Sickle's Ag and Fleet Acrylic Enamel is a fast dry coating that can be applied in multiple coats in a day without having to wait overnight to recoat. Dry time to touch is about 30 minutes and can be recoated in 30 minutes to 2 hours. The gloss retention and durability of an acrylic enamel is considerably better than other oil-based enamels.

For best results, use the designated system, including primer, reducer, and hardener made specifically for Van Sickle's Performance Ag & Fleet Acrylic Enamel.



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Question: What primer options are available?

Answer: Van Sickle has several primer options. Performance Ag & Fleet Primer can be used under our standard Van Sickle enamels. Van Sickle also offers Sandable Primer that is designed to be applied in multiple coats, sanding between so imperfections like pits and scratches can be smoothed out. In addition, Van Sickle offers Self-Etching Primer, designed to adhere to most surfaces that include steel, galvanized metal, aluminum, and most plastics. Both the Sandable and Self-Etching primers can be recoated in one hour. Both can be used with Van Sickle Tractor, Equipment & Industrial Enamel or Performance Ag & Fleet product lines.