

Paint Sheen

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FLAT -- A matte finish that provides a dead flat sheen.

Advantages

- Excellent touch-up ability.
- Provides a dull, soft look.
- Best at hiding imperfections.
- Nicest look for formal rooms or areas.

Disadvantages

- Typically not washable, premium quality flat finishes may have washable characteristics

EGGSHELL -- A dull finish with a slight angular sheen.

Advantages

- Low sheen, yet washable
- Looks flat but has an angular sheen
- Good touch-up qualities

Disadvantages

- Not as washable as paints with higher shine

SATIN -- Enamel finish with a medium amount of shine.

Advantages

- Very washable
- Great for trim work and doors
- Good for bathroom and utility rooms

Disadvantages

- Poor touch-up
- Magnifies imperfections on walls

SEMI-GLOSS -- A glossy finish used for high-traffic areas.

Advantages

- Great wash ability

Disadvantages

- Poor touch-up.
- Magnifies imperfections more than satin on walls.

GLOSS -- The shiniest paint sheen available. Offers superior protection.

Advantages

- Great for high-traffic surfaces.
- For use in schools, hospitals, etc.
- Can be used on floors and counter tops.
- High wash ability, easily cleaned.

Disadvantages

- Very shiny, not usually used on walls or ceilings.
- Accentuates surface imperfections.

Recommendations by Room

Kitchens -- Satin or semi-gloss

Dining Room -- Flat or eggshell

Bathroom -- Satin or semi-gloss (including ceiling)

Bedrooms -- Flat or eggshell

Hallways -- Flat or eggshell

Ceilings – Flat

Trim work & doors -- Satin



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