

Ratings exterior paints & stains

• Availability Most models at stores through December 2006.

Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor

Within types, in performance order. Blue key numbers are Quick Picks. Products with the same score are listed alphabetically.

Key number	Product	Price	Overall score	Appearance			Resists		
				After 3 years	After 6 years	After 9 years	Dirt	Color change	Mildew
	Product includes, in parentheses, our measurement of a paint's finish and a stain's formulation, which may differ from label designations.		0 100 P F G VG E						
PAINTS All are latex, which can be cleaned up with water.									
1	California Fresh Coat Velvet (flat)	\$27	90	●	●	●	●	●	●
2	Glidden Endurance (semigloss)	32	87	●	●	●	●	●	●
3	Pratt & Lambert Accolade Eggshell (flat)	34	87	●	●	●	●	●	●
4	Glidden Endurance Satin (low luster)	30	86	●	●	●	●	●	●
5	Glidden Spred-Dura (gloss)	20	86	●	●	●	●	●	●
6	Glidden Spred-Dura Satin (low luster)	19	86	●	●	●	●	●	●
7	Sico Supreme (flat)	C35	83	●	●	●	●	●	●
8	Glidden Endurance (flat)	19	82	●	●	●	●	●	●
9	Pratt & Lambert Accolade (semigloss)	36	81	●	●	●	●	●	●
10	Glidden Spred-Dura (flat)	15	78	●	●	●	●	●	●
11	Para Ultra Velvet (flat)	C34	76	●	●	●	●	●	●
12	Dunn-Edwards Permasshell Eggshell (low luster)	39	62	●	●	○	●	●	●
13	Behr Premium Plus (low luster) ②	24	61	●	●	○	●	●	●
14	Behr Premium Plus (semigloss) ②	25	59	●	●	○	●	●	●
15	True Value Weatherall (flat)	20	59	●	●	○	●	●	●
16	Valspar American Tradition Satin (low luster) ③	24	58	●	●	○	●	●	●
17	Valspar American Tradition (semigloss) ③	25	58	●	●	○	●	●	●
18	Sears Weatherbeater Ultra (flat) ④	24	56	●	●	○	●	●	●
19	Benjamin Moore MoorGlo Soft Gloss (semigloss)	42	55	●	●	○	●	●	●
20	Valspar American Tradition (flat) ③	22	55	●	●	○	●	●	●
21	Benjamin Moore Moor Life (flat)	29	49	●	●	○	●	●	●
22	Benjamin Moore MoorGard (low luster)	39	47	●	●	○	●	●	●
23	McCloskey MultiUse (low luster) ①	15	23	○	○	○	●	●	●
24	True Value WeatherAll (semigloss) ①	23	23	○	○	○	●	●	●
25	Glidden Evermore (flat) ①	18	19	○	○	○	●	●	●
STAINS Alkyds clean up with mineral spirits, unless noted.									
26	Olympic Premium 596 (latex) S	21	65	●	●	○	●	●	●
27	Behr Plus 10 (alkyd, water cleanup) S ②	18	55	●	●	○	●	●	●
28	Cabot O.V.T. 0600 (latex) S ③	25	48	●	●	○	●	●	●
29	Cabot O.V.T. 6500 (alkyd) S	30	48	●	●	○	●	●	●
30	Olympic Wood Protector Deck, Fence & Siding 793 (latex) S	21	43	●	●	○	●	●	●
31	Olympic WeatherScreen Water Repellent 553 (alkyd) S ③	20	33	●	●	○	●	●	●
32	Akzo Nobel Sikkens Rubbol (alkyd) S	32	27	○	○	○	●	●	●
33	Olympic Water Repellent 511 (alkyd) ST ③	19	21	○	○	○	●	●	●
34	Behr Deck Plus Deck Fence & Siding 3 (alkyd, water cleanup) ST ① ②	21	12	○	○	○	●	●	●
35	Olympic Wood Protector Deck, Fence & Siding 792 (alkyd) ST ①	20	12	○	○	○	●	●	●
36	True Value Woodsman (alkyd) ST ①	20	12	○	○	○	●	●	●
37	Sherwin-Williams Woodscapes (latex) ST ①	35	11	○	○	○	●	●	●

① These paints and stains were fair to poor for cracking. ② Sold exclusively at Home Depot. ③ Sold exclusively at Lowe's. ④ Sold exclusively at Sears.

PAINTS



1 California



5 Glidden



STAINS



26 Olympic



27 Behr

Guide to the Ratings

Overall score is a weighted average of the premium latex paints' appearance for all colors tested; we test a white, a blue, and a brown version of each paint. We apply two coats of paint to primed panels of wood siding. For stains, overall score is a weighted average of the stains' appearance for all colors tested. We test a red, a green, and a white version of each stain, where available. We apply one or two coats of stain to untreated pine, according to the manufacturers' directions. **S** denotes solid stains; **ST**, semitransparent ones. Fully tested paints and stains undergo accelerated weathering for three years, or until their appearance has fallen to "Fair," which necessitates re-application. **Appearance** scores summarize our long-term testing. One year of our southern-exposure testing is equivalent to about three years on vertical surfaces like siding. So we can say how well a paint should do after about three, six, and nine years. **Resists dirt** shows which paints or stains are better than most at resisting dirt buildup. **Resists color change** shows which hold up well to sunlight and change the least from the original color. **Resists mildew** shows which are best at preventing mildew growth. **Price** is the approximate average per gallon; "C" denotes Canadian dollars.

For more information

Free: Interim test results of exterior paints and stains tested for one and two years, including products from Ace, Behr, Benjamin Moore, Cabot, California, Dutch Boy, Glidden, Kelly-Moore, M.A. Bruder, Olympic, Sherwin-Williams, Thompson's, This Old House, and True Value, are available at www.ConsumerReports.org/cro/home-garden.htm.