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HELPFUL HINTS

Painting & Decorating

Welcome to Kerr's Hire Helpful Hints. The aim of this information sheet is to answer FAQ's and provide a better understanding of Kerr's large range of equipment available for hire.

When you choose a color scheme or select a style for your home, Painting & Decorating is often the most inexpensive way to achieve a total transformation of any interior or exterior. If its removal of paint & wall paper, sanding or spray painting, Kerr's has all the equipment you need to make the job easy.

Preparation:

Wall Paper Removal:



Kerr's easy to use Wallpaper Steamer

When renovating an old house quite often there are several layers of wall paper that need to be removed to prepare any wall surface for painting. The best method of removal is to use a wall paper steamer. These machines use a steam blast to get behind the paper and release the glue. Combined with a scraper, paper can be removed with ease. We recommend that you place a drop sheet down and place old towels rolled up at the bottom of wall. This will catch cooled water & prevent any damage to floors & carpets.

Paint Removal:

To make a painted timber surface last any painter will say you need a good base. To do this existing paints need to be removed, exposing the bare timber and with advanced paint technology available now re-painting might not need to occur for at least 10 years. However, removing paints from timber surfaces can be a very slow process using heat guns & chemical paint strippers.

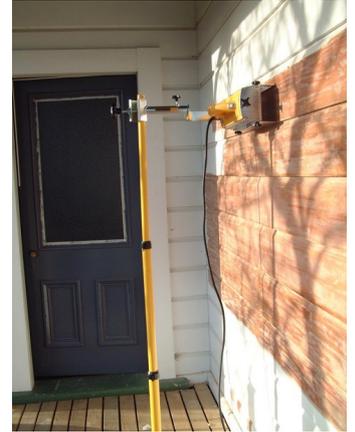
The Speedheater 1100 uses infrared heat to remove most kinds of paint and varnish. Infrared heat is a low tempera-



The Speedheater in action removing paint from weatherboards.

ture deep heat that penetrates the wood, and draws the moisture and resins in the wood to the surface. This breaks the bond between the wood and the bottom layer of paint or varnish and enables the removal of multiple layers at a time. Unlike other paint removal methods (heat guns, chemical paint strippers etc) infrared heat does not damage to the wood surface and makes clean-up much easier.

The Speedheater 1100 heats the surface to be stripped in about 30-90 seconds. The paint or varnish bubbles up and separates from the wood. It can then be scraped off easily whilst heating up the next section using the Speedheater's hands free kit. After stripping, the surface can be painted immediately after a light sand.



The Speedheater with the hands free kit.

Sanding:

Sanding timber surface before painting is imperative to achieve a long lasting finish. Sanding removes flakey paint, oil & dirt from the surface making the surface clean and ready to paint. This can be done by hand or with a power sander.

Kerr's has three power sanders that can be used to sand timber sanders quickly & easily.

Random Orbital Sanders:

Kerr's Random Orbital Sander is perfect for sanding small or large timber surfaces. It features a 2-mode switch for "random orbit" action (finish sanding) and "random orbit with forced rotation" action (aggressive sanding and polishing). Sand paper grits available are 40, 80 & 120 grit.



6" Random Orbital Sander

Corner Orbital Sanders:

As its name states the corner sander is perfect for those tight corners, or areas where regular sanders will not go. Sand paper grits available are 40, 80 & 120 grit.

Rotary Disk Sanders:

Rotary disk sanders are used for quick removal of paint from uneven surfaces. These sanders are very aggressive and should be used with caution as surface can be easily damaged. You should also take caution when sand-



7" Rotary Disk Sander

ing lead based paints. Sand paper grits available are 40, 80 & 120 grit.

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Spray Painting:

Using spray painting machines as a method for applying paint has several advantages over conventional methods:

- Spray Painting is faster and cheaper than traditional methods using brushes & rollers.
- The more irregular the space being painted, the greater the advantage of spray over other methods.
- Spray painting offers maximum transfer of paint in the shortest amount of time and in a consistently uniform manner.
- You save money on materials because you are getting the maximum spread rate out of the paint, you are able to control the thickness of the coating applied, thin areas and unpainted areas are minimized.
- For large, flat surfaces, such as plaster or wallboard, the cost is 1.2 times greater for roller and 2.2 times greater for brush application. The biggest cost differences are in labour.

When it comes to painting some of the more difficult areas of your home. Eg. Fences, Doors or Rough surfaces, using spray painting machines is the only way to get a perfect finish and achieve it without the difficulty.



Kerr's new Wagner airless Spray

Airless Sprayers:

An airless spray consists of the pumping unit, hose and a gun. No compressor is needed because the paint is pumped through the high pressure hose and forced thru very small tips which break up the paint into various size spray pattern fans. The biggest advantage to airless spraying is that since no air is used to force the paint out, there is very little overspray and the air in the

room is not filled with paint laden mist. We recommend that you still mask up areas that you do not want to be painted. Airless sprayers are suited to larger painting jobs, and can be used on interior & exterior walls, fences & roofs. Kerr's recom-

mends back rolling the last coat on all interior walls to create the stipple effect on the wall which is easier to repair if any damage is done to the wall later. Remember, to never place any part of your body in front of the spray fan as paint can be injected into your skin.

Tips sizes and their use: (Smaller tip sizes decreases the amount of paint used however tip blockages can occur more regularly.)

Tip Size	Use:
413	Walls & Ceilings, Enamel & Semi-Gloss Acrylic Paints
417	Walls & Ceilings, Gloss Acrylic Paints
423	Roofs, Thicker Enamel paints



Kerr's Graco HVLP Sprayer

HVLP (High Velocity Low Pressure) Sprayers:

HVLP or Fine Finish Sprayers are commonly used for smaller applications such as furniture, doors, lattice, small fences, trims & staircases. The sprayer can also be used for automotive finishers. The HVLP comes with 5 different tips that will spray all kinds of paint.

Tip Size	Use:
No. 2	Automotive Finish
No. 3	Automotive Finish, Lacquer, Stain, Enamel, Epoxy, Urethane, Varnish
No. 4	Lacquer, Stain, Enamel, Epoxy, Urethane, Varnish, Primer, Acrylic
No. 5	Enamel, Epoxy, Urethane, Varnish, Primer, Acrylic

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