

## **Matthews Paint Graffiti Removal Process**

Matthews Acrylic Polyurethane has exceptional chemical and solvent resistance and is an excellent choice when needing graffiti protection.

For the highest level of protection we recommend using one of our acrylic polyurethane clearcoats over one of our color topcoats.

To obtain the highest level of graffiti resistance, Matthews Acrylic Polyurethane should be fully cured.

#### **Graffiti Removal Guidelines:**

Graffiti is typically assumed to be paint or permanent marker. However, graffiti can also be acids, household cleaners, or raw eggs. These guidelines are for spray paint, which is the most common type of graffiti.

- Graffiti removal or substrate restoration should be performed by an experienced technician.
- Graffiti should be removed as soon as possible within 24 hours. It is possible to remove graffiti after 24 hours, but it is more difficult and the damage may be more permanent.
- Attempt to remove graffiti with soap and water.

# Caution: DO NOT use pressure washers that exceed 1,200 psi.

- If soap and water does not work, it may be necessary to use a solvent.
- The effectiveness of solvents will depend on the type of graffiti used (lacquer, enamel, etc.). Mild, non-abrasive solvents such as mineral spirits should be tested first. More aggressive solvents such as alcohol, xylene, or Matthews Paint reducers can be tested as necessary but should be used with caution.
- Graffiti removal should be tested on a small, non-conspicuous area first to ensure the original finish is not damaged.
- Excess rubbing or pressure may damage the finish.
- For best results, use a soft, lint-free cloth and change it frequently.







Note: Full gloss finishes, especially those that have been clearcoated, will be easier to clean than low-gloss finishes. When cleaning low-gloss finishes, the area will most likely "gloss-up". If this occurs, it may be necessary to polish the entire area to make the gloss uniform.

# If you have any questions, call Matthews Paint toll-free 1-800-323-5693.

Important: Use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and observe all applicable precautions

### See Safety Data Sheet and Labels for additional safety information and handling instructions.

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