

Australian Standard™

**Guide to the properties of paints for  
buildings**

**Part 25: Clear finish—Solvent-borne—  
Interior**



This Australian Standard was prepared by Committee CH-003, Paints and Related Materials. It was approved on behalf of the Council of Standards Australia on 21 December 2005.  
This Standard was published on 3 February 2006.

---

The following are represented on Committee CH-003:

**AUSTROADS**

Australian Paint Approval Scheme

Australian Paint Manufacturers Federation

Master Painters Australia

National Association of Testing Authorities Australia

Surface Coatings Association Australia

Telstra Corporation

Water Corporation Western Australia

---

**Keeping Standards up-to-date**

Standards are living documents which reflect progress in science, technology and systems. To maintain their currency, all Standards are periodically reviewed, and new editions are published. Between editions, amendments may be issued. Standards may also be withdrawn. It is important that readers assure themselves they are using a current Standard, which should include any amendments which may have been published since the Standard was purchased.

Detailed information about Standards can be found by visiting the Standards Web Shop at [www.standards.com.au](http://www.standards.com.au) and looking up the relevant Standard in the on-line catalogue.

Alternatively, the printed Catalogue provides information current at 1 January each year, and the monthly magazine, *The Global Standard*, has a full listing of revisions and amendments published each month.

Australian Standards™ and other products and services developed by Standards Australia are published and distributed under contract by SAI Global, which operates the Standards Web Shop.

We also welcome suggestions for improvement in our Standards, and especially encourage readers to notify us immediately of any apparent inaccuracies or ambiguities. Contact us via email at [mail@standards.org.au](mailto:mail@standards.org.au), or write to the Chief Executive, Standards Australia, GPO Box 476, Sydney, NSW 2001.

---

*This Standard was issued in draft form for comment as DR 03613.*

Australian Standard™

**Guide to the properties of paints for  
buildings**

**Part 25: Clear finish—Solvent-borne—  
Interior**

Originated as AS 3730.25—1993.  
Second edition 2006.

**COPYRIGHT**

© Standards Australia

All rights are reserved. No part of this work may be reproduced or copied in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, without the written permission of the publisher.

Published by Standards Australia GPO Box 476, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia  
ISBN 0 7337 7230 7

## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CH-003, Paints and Related Materials, to supersede AS 3730.25—1993, *Guide to the properties of paints for buildings*, Part 25: *Varnish—Solvent-borne—Interior*. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this as an Australian, rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The AS 3730 series has been prepared as guides to the range of frequently used paints for buildings which are air-dried and generally applied on site. These guides include features of each product type and typical product characteristics. These product characteristics are to be taken as a guide only, i.e. it is not mandatory for a product to have these characteristics. Because a product is used as part only of an overall painting system, the AS 3730 guides should not be used as substitutes for a detailed painting specification from the manufacturer, based on AS/NZS 2311:2000, *Guide to the painting of buildings*. Successful specifications are based on the proven performance of the total paint system, and not on the characteristics of individual paint products in isolation.

The terms ‘normative’ and ‘informative’ have been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which they apply. A ‘normative’ appendix is an integral part of a Standard, whereas an ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

## CONTENTS

	<i>Page</i>
FOREWORD.....	4
1 SCOPE.....	5
2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.....	5
3 DEFINITIONS.....	5
4 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY .....	5
5 TYPICAL PROPERTIES AND CHARACTERISTICS .....	5
6 PACKAGING .....	7
7 LABELLING .....	7
APPENDIX A LIST OF REFERENCED DOCUMENTS.....	10

## FOREWORD

Clear finishes as characterized by this guide are intended for use on interior stained or unstained timber surfaces. Applied films are clear, flat to gloss, hard and highly resistant to handling and moisture. These finishes are intended for use on surfaces requiring a degree of toughness and serviceability.

Solvent-borne clear finishes produce more odour and VOC (volatile organic compounds) than water-borne clear finishes, are slower drying and will yellow with age.

Before painting, surfaces should be prepared in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or the appropriate section of AS/NZS 2311.

## STANDARDS AUSTRALIA

### Australian Standard

## Guide to the properties of paints for buildings

### Part 25: Clear finish—Solvent-borne—Interior

#### 1 SCOPE

This document provides a guide to the features and typical characteristics that are expected of an interior clear finish when applied by brush, roller or spray in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Paints satisfying the requirements of this guide are equivalent to paint Type B19 of AS/NZS 2311, with the inclusion of a low-gloss clear finish.

#### 2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The documents referred to in this guide are listed in Appendix A.

#### 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this guide, the definitions given in AS/NZS 2310 apply.

#### 4 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Refer manufacturer's Materials Safety Data Sheet before using these paints.

#### 5 TYPICAL PROPERTIES AND CHARACTERISTICS

NOTE: Table 1 provides a summary of typical properties.

##### 5.1 Composition

The clear finish should consist essentially of an alkyd, oil or alkyd modified polyurethane and a solvent, and extenders as necessary to control gloss. The product should meet the requirements of the Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons, issued by the National Drugs and Poisons Schedule Committee (NHMRC).

##### 5.2 Conditions of test

Unless otherwise indicated, the recommendations in this guide apply to products that are tested as follows:

- (a) The test panel material is a piece of standard grade hardboard in accordance with AS/NZS 1580.104.1 sealed with one coat of the paint under test thinned 5 percent with appropriate solvent and dried for at least 24 h. Where reference panels are required, they should be made of the same material as the test panels and should be prepared by identical methods at the same time as the test panels.
- (b) The size of test panels is as specified in Table 1 for the appropriate test method.
- (c) The method of application for test purposes is by brush.
- (d) The spreading rate of the clear finish should be as specified by the manufacturer, typically in the region of 15 m<sup>2</sup>/L.
- (e) Environmental conditions for testing are in accordance with AS/NZS 1580.101.5.