



CLEARCOATS

Clear topcoats such as Valspar's Fluroclear® coating form a protective barrier between the pigmentation system and harmful elements in the atmosphere that may include ultraviolet rays, acid rain, air pollution and cleaning chemicals. Clear PVDF topcoats are used over all Fluropon Classic® (metallic) systems and some Fluropon® Premiere (bright) systems. Metallic systems and some brightly pigmented systems are less stable and more apt to interact with the environment than Valspar's standard earth tone, pastel and restoration colors. The clear protective Fluroclear coating provides an added measure of assurance that your long-life coating will provide top performance for years to come.

Fluroclear is sometimes used over standard colors to add to the longevity of the total system. If you choose to specify Fluroclear over a standard Fluropon color that does not require a clear coat, be aware that a clear coat might slightly change the final color. This occurrence is most evident on whites and lightly pigmented colors but can be noticeable on other colors as well. When specifying a clear topcoat over a standard color that does not require a clear-coat, it is best to request a color chip or line sample from your coater so you can visually check the final color appearance. Adding a clear-coat will also slightly increase the gloss level of Fluropon.

Another approach to obtaining added life to your paint system is to specify an additional 0.4 mils of the color coat. This may be a less costly and equally appealing alternative, especially when specifying a light color. The cost effectiveness of this method depends on the line parameters of your coating applicator.

If a metallic system is required, you may want to specify Fluropon® Classic II, a two coat system, as an alternate. These products offer a lively pearlescent finish in a wide selection of standard and custom colors. Due to the fact that they use inert mica flakes, a clear topcoat is not required. For more information, please refer to **VAL0056 Mica and Metallic Paint Systems**.