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All Unique Steel doors are pre-painted with a tough top coat that is perfectly suited for painting after installation if another color is desired.

Start with a clean dry surface. To clean your door, please use either of the following: (A) One cup of Tide (or other common detergents which contain less than 0.5% phosphate), dissolved into five gallons of warm water or (B) One cup of household ammonia dissolved into five gallons of water (room temperature). **NEVER BLEND CLEANSERS OR DETERGENTS WITH BLEACH.** Use a well-soaked cloth, sponge, soft bristled brush, or low-pressure spray washer. Thoroughly rinse with clean water.

Lightly sand or buff surface imperfections such as minor scratches, which have not left the metal substrate exposed in order to create a smoother surface. Care must be taken however, not expose the substrate. Rusting is greatly increased when the metal substrate is exposed. Exposed metal must be treated to prevent rust from forming. To do so, sand the general area lightly and use a primer specifically designed to protect any exposed galvanized steel from corrosion. After the door has been properly prepared, it must be coated within 24 hours with high-quality latex exterior house paint, taking care to allow the surface to completely dry prior to painting. Do not paint in-between the joints of the door, this can cause popping or sticking of the door and may cause damage.

Use high-quality latex exterior house paint. The paint should be thoroughly mixed before using. Mechanical mixing is recommended to assure that no settling occurs.

Follow the paint manufacturer's instructions for applying the paint. Following manufacturers recommendations for use on metal products like garage doors.

**Two-color Instructions**

Paint bleeding can be a common problem when painting with two colors on an uneven surface. The use of a "painting tape" such as a product called "Blue Edge" is recommended for two color painting.

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#### **IMPORTANT/WARNING**

Unique Garage Door has no control over repainting; therefore, we do not warrant this product against peeling of the original factory finish or additional coats of paint when the surface has been recoated. If you would like a sample small piece of your door material before painting, ask your Dealer to ask the factory for a sample piece. A small fee may be required depending on the size.

#### **PAINTING INSTRUCTINS CONT.**

##### **DO NOT PAINT INSULATED DOORS WITH DARK COLORS**

Our black doors have a special heat reflective paint system. Yes, they still get hot, just not as hot as regular house paint, car paint, etc. Regular paint gets so hot in the sun or partial sun that it can melt/distort the polystyrene foam insulation inside the door. Especially in flush smooth or flush textured doors. Raised panel non-insulated doors are not affected because they do not have insulation.

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\*\*\*Painting plastic frames and inserts dark colors can cause warping, cracking, and distorting. It is not recommended.

**Unique will not warranty painted frames and/or inserts.**