

# Smart Words for Smart Homeowners

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## Refinishing Your Front Entry Door

### Overview

If your entry front door is varnished wood or hand rubbed wood you need to read this. Nothing beats paint for practicality. Two coats of high quality latex or enamel paint over a primer will provide a wood door with the best and longest-lasting protection against sun, abrasion, and weather — about 8 to 10 years.

But... a beautiful wood door with a clear finish will attract many more admiring glances, as long as you maintain it with deep devotion.

### Waterlox Original Marine Finish

**Product Description:** Waterlox Original Marine Finish (Exterior Grade) is a clear, high gloss finish coat, which penetrates wood enabling it to resist moisture, the harmful UV rays of the sun, salt and fresh water exposure, and heat and cold.

**Uses:** Waterlox Original Marine Finish is recommended for all exterior wood surfaces as a finish coat, such as marine furniture, paneling, all boat woodwork, exterior furniture, doors, railings, fences and decks. When used in combination with Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish, Waterlox Original Marine Finish renders a hand-rubbed appearance in a high gloss sheen.

### Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish

**Product Description:** Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish is a clear, medium gloss sealer and finish coat (two products in one), which penetrates wood enabling it to resist moisture, dirt, common household acids, alcoholic beverages, heat and cold.

**Uses:** Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish is recommended for all interior wood surfaces, slate, brick or stone. When used as a sealer and finish coat combined, Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish renders a hand-rubbed appearance in a medium (50-55 gloss) sheen. Waterlox Original is non-toxic when dry. Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish may also be used on exterior wood surfaces as a sealer (only) to seal out moisture and intensify adhesion of the finish coat (latex and oil-base paints, or our Marine Finish). When used as a sealer

under urethanes and waterbornes, it will enhance adhesion as well as reduce unwanted effects of water on wood such as grain raising and swelling. As a paint and stain additive, Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish acts as a penetrating and bodying agent. Preparation of Surfaces Apply to a small test area and allow to dry prior to applying to the entire surface. Final color effect is always influenced by the grain, texture, porosity, species of wood, number of coats and by method of application.

Strip previously finished surfaces to bare wood. Where not possible to strip all wood, Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish can be used as a primer/tie-coat. If the previous finish is a urethane or unknown, the finish must be abraded before application. Sand the surface well and wipe clean with a tack cloth or cloth dampened with paint thinner.

### Staining With Waterlox

Staining with Waterlox Stain can be added to your first coat of Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish. You can add up to 1 quart of oil-based stain to 1 gallon of Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish (4:1 ratio).

We recommend you use an old fashioned oil-based stain (without additives such as urethane). Test the stain mixture as well as the subsequent coats of Waterlox Original Finishes before applying to the entire surface.



