

Weathered elastomeric coatings may be refreshed by application of a quality exterior acrylic latex paint. Proper surface preparation must be done, and the paint applied under appropriate conditions.

1. Remove all dirt, mildew and chalk; treat mildew with 3:1 water: bleach solution, leaving on the surface for 3 to 5 minutes, then rinse thoroughly. Careful power washing with plain water (no cleaning agent or bleach added, being sure not to drive water into any openings there may be in the existing coating).
2. Seal all cracks and openings using a Diamond Vogel's Siliconized Latex Caulk. Do not use pure silicone caulks.
3. Check entire elastomeric surface for blistering or other adhesion loss. Carefully remove any blistering or failing coating and seal the edge of the surrounding remaining coating with a caulk. Apply a clear masonry sealer (MC-0521 Permaflex Surface Conditioner) to the exposed masonry surface, then apply an elastomeric coating (MC-1531 Permaflex Elastomeric) to the repaired area, overlapping it and feathering onto the remaining elastomeric. Identify any source of intruding water or moisture that may have caused the blistering or other adhesion loss, and eliminate it.
4. Apply a top quality exterior 100% acrylic latex house paint (Permacryl Exterior, Weather Plate, and All Season) in the sheen of choice. It is important that steps be taken to minimize chance of cracking of the new paint as applied over the elastomeric.
 - A. The paint must be of high quality
 - B. The paint must be applied under moderate weather conditions: applying below the recommended minimum application temperature can result in serious cracking; it is preferable that the air and surface be at or above the minimum recommended application temperature for at least 8 hours following application.
 - C. The paint must be applied at sufficient film thickness. The recommended dry film thickness (DFT) for Permacryl Exterior, Weather Plate and All Season is 1.5-2 mils per coat. Two coats are recommended for optimum performance. Thinning of paint is not recommended.

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