



Paint Thinner

The best accepted, most economical, general purpose solvent.

Thinning: A general purpose solvent. Use with most oil based paints, varnishes, stains, polyurethanes and wiping oil finishes. Do not use with shellac, lacquers or latex paints. Helps increase flow and reduce brush drag or pull. Extends drying time slightly. Aids leveling.

Cleaning: A mild solvent. Use to clean painting tools while coating is still wet. Will not soften dry paint well.

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Can Sizes: 5-Gallon, Gallon, Quart, 2.5-Gallon



Lacquer Thinner

A thinner for one part epoxies and lacquer wood finishes.

Thinning: This is a specialized thinner. Use to thin epoxy or two part coatings. Consult coating manufacturers specifications. Use to thin nitrocellulose based wood lacquers. Do not use with acrylic lacquers, automotive lacquers, varnishes, shellac, polyurethanes or paints.

Cleaning: Clean painting tools after painting. Will soften most types of coatings with overnight immersion in Lacquer Thinner. Will attack some synthetic brushes. The favorite for cutting grease on metal parts, etc. Prolonged exposure can attack seals and gaskets. Much stronger than Paint Thinner and more flammable.

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Denatured Alcohol

The safest, purest grade of denatured ethyl alcohol.

Thinning: Alcohol is used to thin shellac based products only. Use with clear or orange shellac or pigmented shellac primers. Do not use with other finishes.

Cleaning: A specialty cleaner. Use to clean painting tools after using shellac. Will soften dry or hard shellac. Can dissolve most inks, lipsticks, crayons and many other stains. General: This is the best grade of fuel for alcohol chafing dishes and stoves. Complete combustion produces no harmful gases or vapor. Alcohol is soluble in water and can be used as an anti-freeze agent. However, it evaporates rapidly and is flammable. Read cautions on the container before using.

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Gum Turpentine

The best quality paint solvent.

Thinning: The ideal strength for thinning most oil based paints, varnishes, stains, polyurethanes and wiping oil finishes. Not compatible with shellac, lacquers and latex paints. Helps increase flow and reduce brush drag or pull. Will not increase drying time noticeably. Aids leveling.

Cleaning: Gum Turpentine leaves a slight rosin residue. Excellent for cleaning brushes and paint roller trays after painting.

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General: Made from the living pine tree. Gum turpentine is the painter's traditional favorite. Its strength and evaporation rate are the same as most paints. Read cautions on label carefully.

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Boiled Linseed Oil

A natural oil preservative treated to dry faster. General: Use as directed as an additive to many paints or stains, will increase flow coverage and gloss. An essential part of many coatings, aids water repellency. Helps prevent unfinished wood from drying, checking or cracking. A thin coat will inhibit rust formation on metal. Rags or cloths soaked with linseed oil must be handled carefully. Linseed oil releases heat as it dries. Soaked rags in confined areas could combust spontaneously. Wash rags after using linseed oil.

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Acetone

The strongest, fastest evaporating solvent.

Thinning: A specialty solvent. Use only where directed. Generally for epoxies, fiberglass resins and specialty coatings. Acetone is too strong to use in thinning most coatings.

Cleaning: Use to clean painting tools after applying any type of coating. Will soften hardened coating with overnight immersion. **Caution:** Will soften most synthetic materials. **General:** The extreme strength limits thinning uses to specialty coatings. The high evaporation rate also means it is very flammable.

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Mineral Spirits

A high grade, quality solvent, low odor.

Thinning: A general purpose solvent. Use with most oil based paints, varnishes, stains, polyurethanes and wiping oil finishes. Do not use with shellac, lacquers or latex paints. Helps increase flow and reduce brush drag or pull. Extends drying time slightly. Aids leveling.

Cleaning: A mild solvent. Use to clean painting tools while coating is still wet.

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Xylol

A solvent for specialty coatings and uses.

Thinning: Use as directed to thin many lacquers, rust inhibitive, rubberized, marine and other specialty coatings. Do not use with most oil based paints, varnishes, stains, shellac or polyurethanes.

Cleaning: Clean painting tools. For all types of coatings except shellac. **General:** Most uses for Xylol are in specialized coating systems where its use is carefully designated. Xylol fumes are flammable and ingestion is dangerous. Read label cautions carefully.

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MEK

The high strength solvent with a moderate evaporation rate.

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Cleaning: Use to clean painting tools after applying any type of coating. Will soften hardened coating with overnight immersion. **Caution:** Will soften most synthetic materials. **General:** This is a solvent with a strength equal to Acetone but with a slower evaporation rate. It is flammable. Read cautions on the label carefully.

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