The following information shall be included in specifications prepared for use on all University of Cincinnati projects. This information is supplemental and not intended to be a complete specification.

**GENERAL STANDARDS**

**General Criteria**

**Color Selection** - Colors for all projects at the University shall be selected from the current University Interior Color Guidelines available on the Website. Any exceptions must be requested in writing and approved by the Department of Planning + Design + Construction.

**Interior Primer** – To eliminate texture variations between gypsum board surfaces and taped joints, use a premium high-hide latex primer (Sherwin Williams Premium Wall & Wood Primer or prior-approved equal). Application shall be performed with a roller or airless sprayer.

**Interior Surfaces** - The interior surfaces of all projects (except wet laboratories) at the University shall be finished with premium quality high solids, acrylic latex or vinyl latex paint. The gloss for these applications shall be as follows:

- Wall surfaces shall be **eggshell or satin** unless directed otherwise.
- Ceiling surfaces shall be **flat** unless directed otherwise.

**Laboratory Surfaces** - The interior surfaces of wet laboratories at the University may be finished with premium quality acrylic latex or waterborne enamel paint. The gloss for these applications shall be as follows:

- Wall surfaces shall be **semi-gloss** unless directed otherwise.
- Ceiling surfaces shall be **semi-gloss** unless directed otherwise.

**Interior Frames** - Interior frames (doors & windows) and finish trim shall be finished with a premium quality waterborne enamel paint. The gloss for these applications shall be as follows:

- Frames (doors & windows) shall be **semi-gloss** unless directed otherwise.
- All finish trim shall be **semi-gloss** unless directed otherwise.

**Interior Wood Doors** - Interior wood doors shall be stained and finished with a premium quality waterborne polyurethane. The gloss for these applications shall be as follows:

- All wood door surfaces shall be **satin** unless directed otherwise.

**Performance Requirements**

Painted finishes should not be specified in areas where additional abrasion, chemical or moisture resistance is important. Verify finish selections in any such environments with the Department of Planning + Design + Construction.

**Product Coordination**

The approval of all paint selections (type and color) must be coordinated with the Department of Planning + Design + Construction.
**Sustainability Requirements**
*(See Product Requirements.)*

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**PRODUCT STANDARDS**

**Product Manufacturers**
The product manufacturer shall be PPG Paints or Sherwin Williams, but color names and numbers shall reference previous ICI designations. PPG or Sherwin Williams paint products shall be specified unless approved by the Department of Planning + Design + Construction.

**Product Requirements**

*Paint Composition* - All paint and coating products specified at the University shall meet volatile organic compounds (VOCs) limits identified by the State of Ohio regulations for Architectural and Industrial Maintenance (AIM) Coatings as set forth in the most current edition of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-113 except as noted. Solvent-tinted finishes shall not be used. Paint containing lead or zinc chromates is prohibited. This includes structural steel primer.

*Specialty Paints* - Specialty paints and finishes that require products or application techniques (multi-color, metallic, faux finish, etc.) **shall not be specified** unless specifically authorized by the Department of Planning + Design + Construction.

*Surplus Paints* – The University will **not** accept any surplus paint products.

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**EXECUTION STANDARDS**

**Testing & Commissioning**

*Closeout Procedures* - Specifications shall include the requirement that record data of the paint selections shall be submitted to the University as part of the Contract Closeout procedure. The University (Facilities Management) will maintain this information for future maintenance. This information shall include the following for future maintenance:

- Type and color of the paint, stain or other application
- Type and finish of any coatings applied
- Detailed methods of applied finishes

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