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## MIXING ROOM BEST PRACTICES



### ENVIROBASE WATERBORNE

Anti-Settling Toners – Simply tilt the toner back-and-forth 3-4 times and you are ready to pour.

Self-Etch, Primer Surfacer & Primer Sealer – Place the gallon/quart on the shaker for 5 minutes prior to putting the mix lid on. Stir on the mixing bank for 5 minutes prior to use



### SOLVENT (DBC/DBU/DELFEET)

Place new cans of solvent paint toners on the shaker for 15 minutes before placing on the mixing bank.

Initial power-up of mixing bank—agitate toners for 15 minutes. Repeat during the day or at least three times per day for 15-minute intervals.

Make sure the lid is securely fastened to the toner before pouring.

Keep the scale clean. Paint build-up on the scale can cause the scale to improperly weigh material. Locate scale in a place with little air movement or vibrations. Even the slightest draft can cause a variance during the mixing process.

Place newly mixed colors on a shaker for 15 minutes, especially when using powder pearls.

### DON'T

When reducing products, **do not "guess" the amount when you are mixing.** Use a PPG mixing cup, mixing stick, or the digital scale readings for the product found in the product bulletin or the *PaintManager™* system.

When tinting, do not substitute toners. Follow what is in the formula.

Small amount warnings—refinish systems use high strength toners in small amounts. Do not break down formulas in amounts that are too small, this may jeopardize match.



## Respirator Fit Testing & Medical Evaluations

**Did you know that respirator fit testing is required for mandatory use of all tight-fitting face pieces and recommended for voluntary use?** OSHA 1910.134(f) states: "The employer shall ensure that an employee using a tight-fitting face piece respirator is fit tested prior to initial use of the respirator, whenever a different respirator face piece (size, style, model or make) is used, and at least annually thereafter." Remember, fit testing must be completed annually.

**OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard 1910.134 also requires employers to obtain a medical evaluation of respirator wearers.** 3M facilitates a convenient online method for employers to obtain medical evaluations. Employees simply complete an online questionnaire, which takes 15-20 minutes. Employers received email or fax notification of the results.

**Be prepared and have the required testing and documentation in place.** If you need assistance scheduling respirator fit testing please let us know. 3M's online medical evaluations can be found online at <http://www.respexam.com/>

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Success isn't Mandatory*

