

Where the Perfect Wood Finish Begins!



Tip #4 - Choosing a Water Based Coating

Solvent based coatings have been around for so many years. We all know that finishers can easily produce a beautiful finish using a solvent based coating. But we also know that solvent based coatings have proved to be dangerous to the finisher as he/she breathes in the fumes as well as down the line when VOC's are released into the air polluting the room and breathed in by all.

The need to turn to water based coatings is now accepted by finishers everywhere. The finisher needs to know just three important things when choosing a water based finish: Is it the safest coating I can buy? Will the finished piece look beautiful? Is the finish durable? The finisher can decide the safety of a coating by reading the MSDS sheets published by the manufacturer. Are there toxic ingredients such as solvents, heavy metals, chemical residuals, formaldehyde and other harmful preservatives?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so we at The Finishing Store sprayed endless wood samples with many brands of water based coatings. We held them up to the light in every direction, touched them for smoothness and spilled and scratched. We discussed, evaluated, tossed them out one by one and finally came to a unanimous decision. We think we did the research for you when we chose Safecoat as our product of choice.

So if you are a newbie or you are using water based coatings with good or not so good results, please [click here](#) to learn more about Safecoat. We encourage you to give it a try and let us know your spectacular results. We are confident Safecoat will change your finishing life.