

Flat vs. Satin Sheens A Difference in Durability

Flat sheens are quite popular because they do not contain any shine. While they're lovely, they do have different attributes than glossy finishes such as Satin and Semi-Gloss, **especially** when it comes to sealing high-use surfaces such as kitchen tables, dining tables, dresser tops and cabinetry.

The flattening agents required to reduce sheen in flat or matte topcoats slightly reduce clarity, water resistance, durability and resistance to chemicals such as ketchup, soap, chemical cleaners, or ammonia. This is not much of a concern in low use areas but is important for surfaces such as table tops or kitchen cabinets.

To improve the performance of your finish and still obtain a matte sheen, you can mix GF High Performance Flat and Satin together in a separate paint can to achieve a custom sheen. You may also apply two coats of High Performance Satin followed by the Flat finish as your third and final coat. This way, you have the durability of Satin underneath and the matte shine level of Flat on top!



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