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COLOURFUTURES™ 2022



THE EVOLUTION OF COLOUR TRENDS

The Dulux Professional Global Aesthetic Center is committed to helping specifiers create better, more comfortable spaces with credible, on-trend colours. Each year, it invites a group of design experts to share their global trend knowledge. Using these insights and a wealth of colour expertise, the team then chooses a Colour of the Year, and builds four new, easy-to-use paint palettes around it.

LAST YEAR

In 2021, we saw unprecedented global change. This led Dulux Professional to develop palettes around a warm, natural tone – Brave Ground™.

Evoking stability, growth and potential, this harmonious, bolstering tone provided a firm foundation and helped to create balanced, restorative and unifying spaces across all sectors.

THE WORLD TODAY

The effects of a global pandemic have accelerated change in all aspects of our lives and brought key questions into sharper focus. When we can work from home, what should we do with the office? When nature feels vital to our wellbeing, how can we keep it close? And, when we can be digitally available 24/7, how can we balance the social benefits of connectivity with our personal need to switch off?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR COLOUR?

People want to understand how they can reinvent their surroundings, making them flexible and adaptable to accommodate changing needs.

They want to know how they can integrate nature into daily life so its positive benefits can be felt by everyone. They want to know how to create soothing spaces as a restorative escape from everyday stress. And they want to embrace a fresh approach to living, welcoming new perspectives and ideas. They need a colour that brings a breath of fresh air.



Above: our experts consider the trends that will influence the Dulux Professional colours for 2022



COLOUR OF THE YEAR 2022

BRIGHT SKIES™

14BB 55/113

Dulux Professional Colour of the Year 2022 is an airy, light blue that's fresh, open and invigorating. Reflecting the limitless skies around us, it delivers a flavour of the natural world and brings a breath of fresh air to a space. Used alongside a range of complementary palettes, Bright Skies™ is the perfect colour for updating both interiors and exteriors across a wide range of sectors and environments.

PALETTES

Around Bright Skies™, we've built four inspiring and adaptable palettes that offer a variety of colour combinations for specific sectors. These easy-to-use palettes provide specifiers around the world with a comprehensive suite of on-trend, credible colours that can refresh interiors and exteriors across every sector, improving spaces and delivering inspiring results for both clients and users.

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INTERIOR PALETTES

WORKSHOP COLOURS BRIGHT AND UPLIFTING



ADAPTABLE SPACES

Uplifting and refreshing, these are colours that hold their own, that look good together and that work perfectly with Dulux Professional Colour of the Year. They are ideal for transforming hard-working environments that need to perform several roles at once. Complementary yet contrasting, Workshop tones can effectively define and single out separate 'zones' in a multipurpose space.

Tierra Del Fuego
60YR 31/368

Puccini Pink
10YR 57/080

Cobra Bite
65YY 70/540

Tuscan Green
49Y 54/251

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Pale Clover
30GY 41/173

Crème Brûlée
00YY 26/220

Olive Fantasy
34YY 31/502

Dewdrop Grey
11GY 85/016

Blueberry Lolly
06BB 39/179

GREENHOUSE COLOURS FRESH AND VITAL



VITAL SPACES

Feeling connected to nature is good for wellbeing, and these colours bring in the positive feel of the outside world. Taken from nature's own palette, they can make any space feel fresher. In a rural setting, they can bring in a sense of the surrounding landscape; in the city, they can deliver a welcome reminder of green space and fresh air – something that's been shown to make people feel better.

Horizons
10BB 73/039

Mushroom Morning
65YY 71/071

Grey Jeans
45GY 55/052

Winter's Silence
50YY 49/191

Wilton Blue
50BG 44/094

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Gravel Pit
50GG 40/064

Artichoke Leaf
70YY 34/180

Brooding Storm
87BG 27/077

Khaki Mists
30YY 17/209

STUDIO COLOURS

SUBTLE AND CONSOLING



SOOTHING SPACES

The subtle tones of the Studio palette can add warmth and softness to any space, private or public. Used on their own or set against the freshness of Bright Skies™, these airy, inspiring tones can maximise daylight and soothe the soul. These are colours that can help to create the feel of a consoling retreat – somewhere that can provide respite from the stresses of daily life.

Taupe Twist
47YY 62/143

Brave Beige
00YY 63/067

Harmony Touch
40RR 57/045

Violet Morning
24RB 66/037

Lady Orchard
50RB 48/051

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Santa Rosa
10YR 37/143

Swordplay
30BB 45/049

Rich Blush
29YR 27/355

Fog Grey
50RR 32/029

SALON COLOURS

AIRY AND UNIFYING



OPEN SPACES

The airy, neutral tones of the Salon palette can give a space a fresh start. Neutral and complementary, Salon colours bring lightness and openness to a space, giving a fresh, forward-thinking feel. Understated natural shades that can provide a unified blank canvas for furnishing and decoration, they're the perfect ingredients for a fresh approach in any environment.

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Stone Harbour/
Stone Road
95YR 16/038

Veil
00NN 53/000

Wright Stone
10YY 30/106

Light Charcoal
88BG 62/005

City Life
44YY 65/034

Virtual Reality
30BB 72/040

Winters Walk
13GY 77/016

Magnolia Springs
50BB 83/006

Purest Frost
71YY 90/027

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EXTERIOR PAlettes

WORKSHOP COLOURS BRIGHT AND UPLIFTING



Multicoloured and vibrant, this light, bright palette is perfect for adding personality to a building. Its bold, positive colours deliver energy and dynamism, and they are also ideal for defining separate elements of an exterior.

Tierra Del Fuego
60YR 31/368

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Dewdrop Grey
11GY 85/016

Olive Fantasy
34YY 31/502

Crème Brûlée
00YY 26/220

Pale Clover
30GY 41/173

GREENHOUSE COLOURS FRESH AND VITAL



Inspired by the tones of nature, the colours in this palette work naturally together and bring a blast of freshness to a building. They deliver a connection to the natural world that's been shown to be good for people's wellbeing.

Grey Jeans
45GY 55/052

Mushroom Morning
65YY 71/071

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

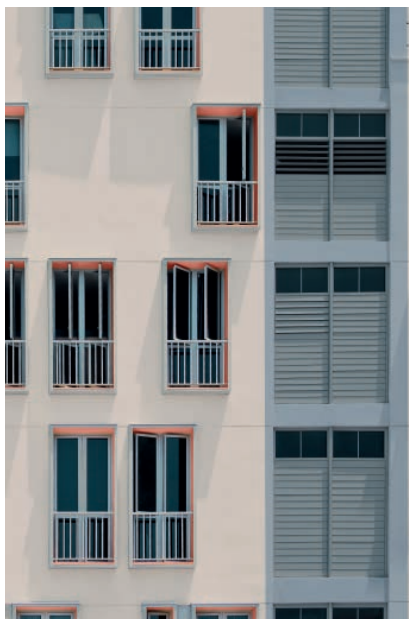
Winter's Silence
50YY 49/191

Brooding Storm
87BG 27/077

Khaki Mists
30YY 17/209

STUDIO COLOURS

SUBTLE AND CONSOLING



Warm and inspiring, these complementary tones can soften the feel of an exterior and add visual interest. They work well together and deliver an effective tonal balance used alongside Dulux Professional Colour of the Year.

Taupe Twist
47YY 62/143

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Brave Beige
00YY 63/067

Swordplay
30BB 45/049

Rich Blush
29YR 27/355

Fog Grey
50RR 32/029

SALON COLOURS

AIRY AND UNIFYING



These neutral natural shades are ideal for adding a hint of colour to an exterior while maintaining a cohesive, unified and understated feel. Ranging in tone from earthy to airy, they can bring lightness and freshness to a building.

Magnolia Springs
50BB 83/006

City Life
44YY 65/034

Veil
00NN 53/000

Wright Stone
10YY 30/106

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Stone Harbour/
Stone Road
95YR 16/038

BRIGHT SKIES™ 14BB 55/113 AND ITS PALETTES: THE PERFECT INGREDIENTS FOR FRESH SPACES

Dulux Professional Colour of the Year and its palettes deliver a ready-made way to help you improve spaces in any sector you work with. These on-trend, credible colours can transform buildings, both inside and out, creating comfortable and functional spaces that surpass expectations.



EDUCATION



OFFICES



RESIDENTIAL



HEALTHCARE



HOSPITALITY



EDUCATIONAL SPACES

An uplifting palette of bright, complementary colours creates a sense of freshness and dynamism that can support the learning process, and that also provides an effective solution for zoning different functional areas.

Tierra Del Fuego
60YR 31/368

COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Olive Fantasy
34YY 31/502



WORKSHOP COLOURS

ADAPTABLE SPACES

Colours: Bright tones bring positivity and energy to a learning environment. They also work as accent colours to 'zone' different functional areas of a space that has to fulfil more than one role.

Relevance: Post-pandemic, experts anticipate a need for hybrid forms of teaching and learning in different spaces¹.

Result: A multicoloured palette works practically and emotionally in educational settings, allowing open spaces to be 'zoned' into smaller, more approachable areas and bringing dynamism to the space with colour.



Dewdrop Grey
11GY 85/016

COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Cobra Bite
65YY 70/540

Tuscan Green
49YY 54/251



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OFFICE SPACES

At home or in the office, today's workspace needs to be adaptable and appealing. An increasingly digitised space, it can benefit from a connection with the natural world, and a positive, vibrant feel.

Khaki Mists
30YY 17/209

COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Brooding Storm
87BG 27/077

Horizons
10BB 73/039

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2: 40-second green roof views sustain attention: The role of micro-breaks in attention restoration, K. Lee, K. Williams, L. Sargent, N. Williams, K. Johnson, *Journal of Environmental Psychology*, Volume 42, June 2015, Pages 182-189. Copyright © 2015 Elsevier Ltd



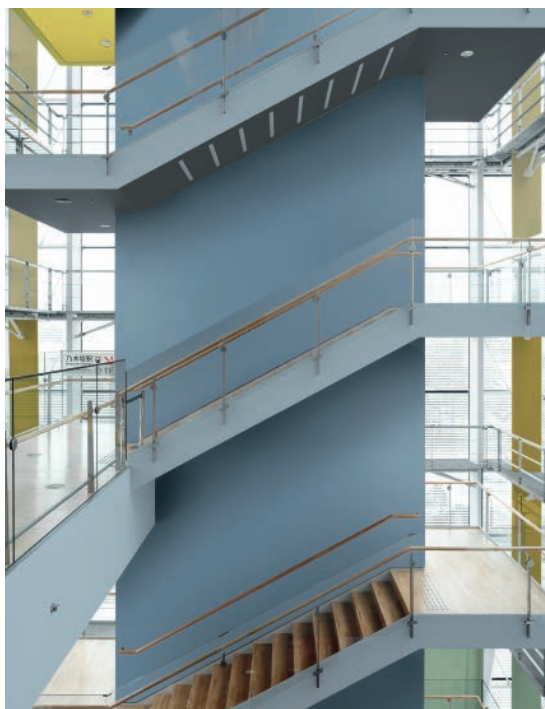
GREENHOUSE COLOURS

VITAL SPACES

Colours: Tones inspired by nature, this palette of greens, blues, browns and greys can help bring in the positive feel of the natural world.

Relevance: Integrating natural colours into an office can help employees feel connected to nature; and time spent in the natural world has been shown to help refocus attention.

Result: Natural tones can revitalise an office space, deliver a blast of freshness and help increase a sense of wellbeing. Colours that work together naturally also provide an instantly cohesive, easy-to-use decorative scheme.



WORKSHOP COLOURS

ADAPTABLE SPACES

Colours: Bright, contrasting tones can add energy, help to define different areas of a multipurpose space and provide effective wayfinding.

Relevance: People have reassessed what they need from an office and, going forward, will want flexible, appealing spaces that offer different environments, from quiet work areas to collaborative zones³.

Result: Vibrant, complementary tones create an easy-to-use palette for zoning different areas of an office and can bring freshness and visual interest to what might otherwise be a sterile, tech-heavy space.

Images: Top right & bottom left: Shutterstock
3. 'In times of uncertainty, flexibility is key. 47% of UK businesses said they envisioned their real estate strategies to include a greater amount of flexible, serviced or coworking space.' *Re-occupancy and Re-imagined Workplace Survey*, Knight Frank, 2020



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Dewdrop Grey
11GY 85/016

Puccini Pink
10YR 57/080

Cobra Bite
65YY 70/540

Crème Brûlée
00YY 26/220

Tierra Del Fuego
60YR 31/368



RESIDENTIAL SPACES

Demands on the home have increased exponentially as people across the world have been living and working in them 24/7. Going forward, we need homes that can build a connection to nature and that feel airy and open.

COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Artichoke Leaf
70YY 34/180

Mushroom Morning
65YY 71/071



Images: Bottom right: Unsplash
 4. Spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with good health and wellbeing, MP White, T Alcock, J Grellier et al., Scientific Reports 9, Article 7730, June 2019, doi.org/10.1038/s41598-019-44097-3

GREENHOUSE COLOURS

VITAL SPACES

Colours: Made up of tones that reflect the world outside, this palette delivers a sense of connection with nature and brings in a positive feel.

Relevance: Spending time in nature is good for health and wellbeing⁴. Integrating biophilic design and natural tones into the design of a home can help to make it feel connected to the world outside.

Result: A palette of nature-inspired shades can revitalise a living space, bring in a breath of fresh air and help people feel in touch with nature. It also provides a ready-made cohesive decorative scheme.



SALON COLOURS

OPEN SPACES

Colours: A combination of airy neutrals, this palette can create a subtle and light 'blank canvas' in the home.

Relevance: With social media increasingly perpetuating a single-minded viewpoint⁵ (and with social media use increasing⁶), people need to be encouraged to be open to new perspectives and influences.

Result: The least divisive of all shades, neutral colours and Bright Skies™ can deliver a feeling of openness, unity and inclusivity in the home. An ideal backdrop for any decorative scheme, they can also act as a springboard for new ideas.

5. How to break out of your social media echo chamber, Christopher Seneca, *WIRED*, September 2020
6. Social media users have grown by more than 10% over the past year, taking the global total to 3.96b by the start of July 2020 - *Digital 2020*, Simon Kemp, *DataReportal/Keplios*, July 2020



City Life
44YY 65/034

Purest Frost
71YY 90/027

COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113



HEALTHCARE SPACES

In buildings where the focus is on health and wellbeing, patients, visitors and staff need a psychological escape from stress and anxiety. They need soothing, restorative spaces that can help them recuperate.

COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Brave Beige
00YY 63/067

Rich Blush
29YR 27/355

Violet Morning
24RB 66/037



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Subtle and consoling Studio colours, used with Bright Skies™, can improve the atmosphere in healthcare spaces, bringing a feeling of softness, balance and comfort to patient rooms and communal areas.

Taupe
Twist
47YY
62/143

Brave
Beige
00YY
63/067

Harmony
Touch
40RR
57/045

Santa
Rosa
10YR
37/143

Lady
Orchard
50RB
48/051

Violet
Morning
24RB
66/037

Sword-
play
30BB
45/049

COLOUR OF
THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Fog
Grey
50RR
32/029

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7. Viewing our minds and bodies as intrinsically connected, medicine since the time of ancient Greece has claimed that maintaining a positive state of mind can offer the conjoining effect of treating physical disease. Barbara Marzitali, CRZZ Trend Forecast



STUDIO COLOURS

SOOTHING SPACES

Colours: Warm neutrals, pale pinks and lilacs, these contemplative colours are soft, subtle and soothing.

Relevance: Lockdown highlighted the need for a psychological escape from stressful situations – something that's particularly pertinent in healthcare environments⁷. Warm, calming colours can help people feel more at ease.

Result: Calm, balanced and easy on the eye, these restorative colours can add warmth and softness to a clinical healthcare environment, and help patients, visitors and staff switch off and de-stress.



HOSPITALITY SPACES

Whether hotel, restaurant or library – hospitality settings can offer us the opportunity to recharge and look at things from a fresh perspective. We need soothing, welcoming and inspiring spaces that give us the chance to dream.

Fog Grey
50RR 32/029

Swordplay
30BB 45/049

Harmony Touch
40RR 57/045

COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Brave Beige
00YY 63/067



STUDIO COLOURS

SOOTHING SPACES

Colours: Warm neutrals, pale pinks, lilacs and Bright Skies™, the contemplative colours of the Studio palette are subtle, soothing and inspiring.

Relevance: Lockdown heightened our awareness of the emotional benefits of creativity and the need for a psychological escape from everyday challenges. Warm, calming colours can help create a retreat-like space where we feel free to dream.

Result: This soothing, transformative palette is perfect for hospitality spaces, offering people an inspiring retreat from daily life.



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8. 'Where can we turn for comfort and solace, for joy and consolation? What are the consolations that bring peace of mind? It's what used to be called 'culture'. The arts. Music, theatre, dance, poetry, painting and sculpture, and design.' Barbara Marshall, CF22 Trend Forecast



SALON COLOURS

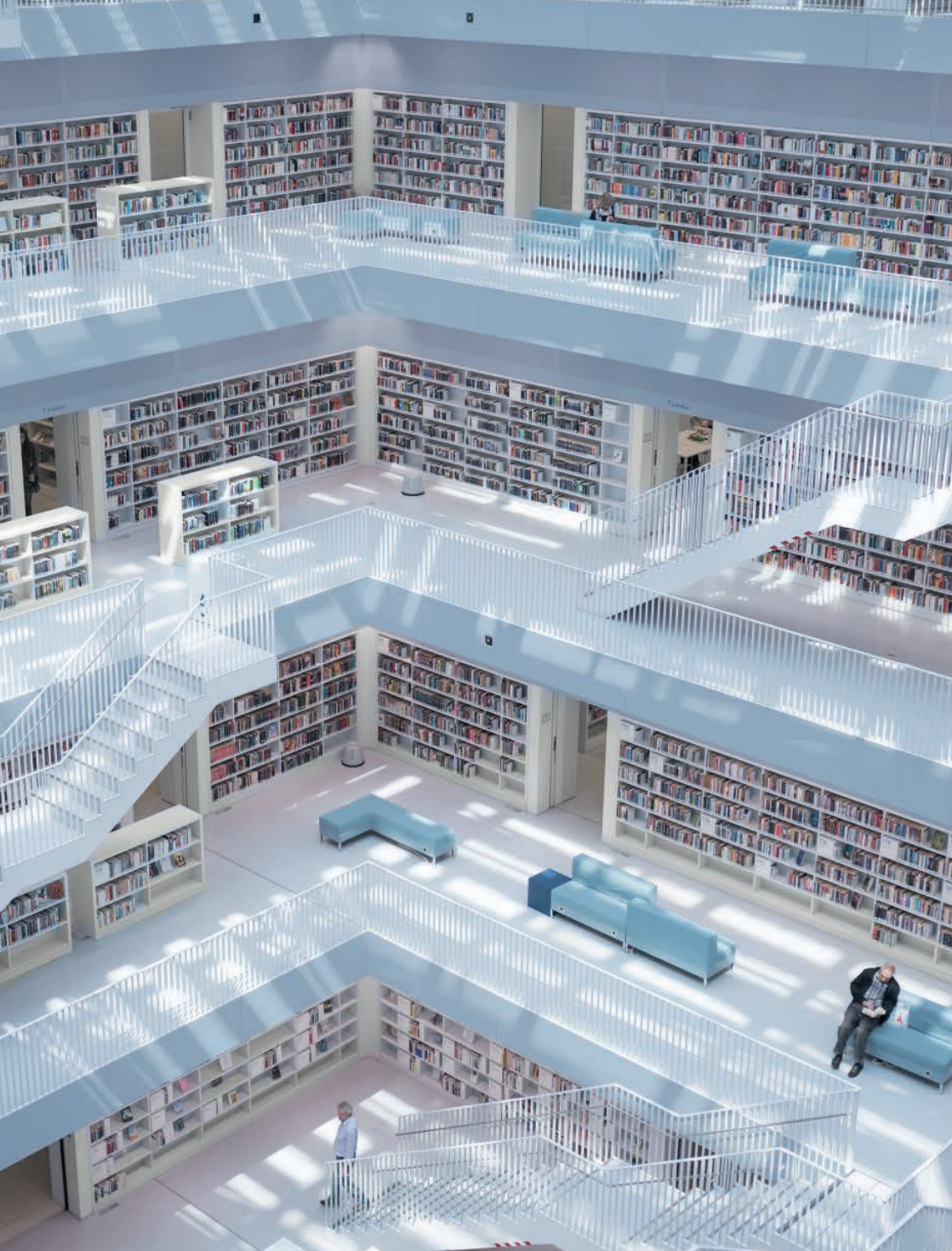
OPEN SPACES

Colours: Featuring airy neutrals alongside Bright Skies™, this palette delivers a feeling of openness and unity.

Relevance: Experts are increasingly coming to understand that spaces that welcome the public should feel inclusive and open⁹.

Result: Complementary neutrals, these light colours open up a space and, creating a simple, plain backdrop, they can act as a 'blank canvas' for myriad cultural and social influences. These are colours that won't date and that can remain in place even when an interior scheme is changed.

Images: Left: Shutterstock
 9. "Recent decades have brought about an increased focus on public space as part of building more inclusive and sustainable neighbourhoods and cities." (Land Use Institute for Public Spaces: rethinking practices of migrants', adaptation and transformation. Urban Des Int 25; 2:11-2:14 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41289-020-00136-4>



COLOUR OF THE YEAR
Bright Skies™
14BB 55/113

Magnolia Springs
50BB 83/006

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product	DULUX ECOSURE MATT
Description	Dulux Ecosure Matt is a good quality, environmentally friendly paint with low VOC levels.
Use	Formulated specifically for interior use, but may be used outdoors. Suitable for application to a variety of building surfaces which include new cement plaster, concrete, gypsum plaster and various types of composition boarding.
Pack Size	5L / 20L
Application	Brush / Roller / Airless Spray
Cleaning	Clean immediately with water



Touch Dry

30 minutes
(Drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions)

Recoating Time

4 Hours

Coverage

8 - 10m² per litre

Colour Range

White and the following tint bases: Pastel Base 7, Medium Base 8, and Dark Base 9 from the Dulux Colour System.

Product	DULUX ECOSURE SILK
Description	Dulux Ecosure Silk is a good quality, environmentally friendly paint with a sheen finish and low VOC levels
Use	All purpose wall and ceiling finish for application to interior and exterior cement plaster, fibre cement, concrete, brickwork and various types of composition boarding. Also suitable for application to metal and wooden surfaces, provided those surfaces are suitably primed before the application of this material. An economical washable coating with low dirt pick-up.
Pack Size	5L / 20L
Application	Brush / Roller / Airless Spray
Cleaning	Clean immediately with water



Touch Dry

30 minutes
(Drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions)

Recoating Time

4 Hours

Coverage

8 - 10m² per litre

Colour Range

White and the following tint bases: Pastel Base 7, Medium Base 8, and Dark Base 9 from the Dulux Colour System.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product	DULUX TRADE 70 MID SHEEN
Description	Dulux Trade 70 Mid Sheen is a premium quality interior and exterior paint with a Mid-Sheen finish that has good durability and washability.
Use	All-purpose wall and ceiling finish for interior and exterior use on cement plaster, fibre cement, concrete, brickwork and various types of composite boarding. Also suitable for application to mild steel & iron, galvanised iron and wooden surfaces, provided those surfaces are suitably primed before the application of this material.
Pack Size	5L / 20L
Application	Brush / Roller / Air Spray
Cleaning	Clean immediately with water



Touch Dry

30 minutes
(Drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions)

Recoating Time

4 Hours

Coverage

8 - 10m² per litre

Colour Range

White & A variety of colours from the Dulux Colour System.

Product	DULUX TRADE 100 MATT
Description	Dulux Trade 100 Matt is a good quality matt paint for interior and exterior walls and ceilings with outstanding stain resistance.
Use	Suitable for application to new or previously painted plaster and fibre cement. Also suitable for application to mild steel & iron, galvanised iron and wooden surfaces provided that these surfaces have been suitably primed. Recommended for interior and exterior areas that require a luxurious, long-lasting washable matt finish.
Pack Size	5L / 20L
Application	Brush / Roller / Airless Spray
Cleaning	Clean immediately with water



Touch Dry

30 minutes
(Drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions)

Recoating Time

4 Hours

Coverage

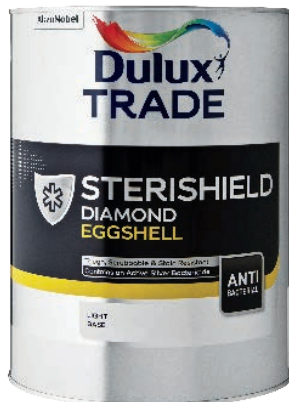
8 - 10m² per litre

Colour Range

White & A variety of colours from the Dulux Colour System.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product	DULUX TRADE STERISHIELD DIAMOND EGGSHELL
Description	Dulux Trade Sterishield Diamond Eggshell contains an active silver bactericide(anti-bacterial) that inhibits bacteria and helps promote a more hygienic environment. Suitable for interior walls and ceilings, Sterishield Diamond Eggshell is low VOC content, has outstanding durability, scrubbability and stain resistance properties.
Use	Suitable for use on normal interior wall and ceiling surfaces.
Pack Size	5L
Application	Brush / Roller / Airless Spray
Cleaning	Clean immediately with water



Touch Dry

30 minutes

(Drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions)

Recoating Time

2 - 4 hours

Coverage

14 - 16m² per litre

Colour Range

White & A variety of colours from the Dulux Colour System.

Product	DULUX TRADE FAST PLASTER PRIMER
Description	A primer designed for early priming of newly plastered walls, Dulux Trade Fast Plaster Primer tolerates moisture of up to 30%. Recommended for interior and exterior use, the Fast Plaster Primer provides excellent protection from alkali attack.
Use	Primes new interior and exterior plastered walls. It is also suitable for coating surfaces such as brick, concrete and other masonry surfaces.
Pack Size	5L / 20L
Application	Brush & Roller. Brush is preferred to work the material well into the surface.
Cleaning	Clean immediately with Dulux Pre-Paint Brush Cleaner Degreaser or Mineral Turpentine.



Touch Dry

2 hours
(Drying times will be extended during cold, wet or humid conditions)

Recoating Time

18 Hours

Coverage

7 - 8m² per litre

Colour Range

White



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