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## Quickstart Directions for Everbrite™ on Garage Doors

**These directions will work on any painted metal surface.** The goal in cleaning the surface is not only to remove the dirt and grime, but also to remove all the chalky oxidation, wax or grease that may be on the surface so the coating can adhere properly. Everbrite needs to be applied to a completely clean and dry surface.

### Materials needed for cleaning:

- Bucket or Container
  - Prep Pad, microfiber towel or sponge (with or without scrubbing pad). Available on our website and included with all Garage Door Kits.
  - Brush (*soft bristled brush works very well to remove any residue after the oxidation is removed*)
  - Water source with hose.
  - EZ Prep™ Cleaning Concentrate.
  - It is a good idea to wear gloves to protect your hands from drying out and eye protection, especially if working where the soap and water can splash.
1. First the chalk and dirt need to be removed prior to cleaning the door. Use plain water, the Prep Pad & the microfiber cloth. Spray the door first with plain water. Scrub the door with the Prep Pad, then wipe off the residue with the cloth. Rinse out the pad and cloth often with plain water. Clean evenly. If the door has panels or ribs, wash one at a time. If the door has squares, clean each square evenly. Do NOT clean in circles. See our website for video instructions.
  2. To clean the door: fill a bucket with 2-3 gallons of water. Pour in 1 oz. of EZ Prep™ Concentrated Cleaner per gallon of water.
  3. Rinse the surface with plain water again. Do NOT apply soap solution on dry surface.
  4. Dip brush or sponge into soap solution and apply to surface, cleaning all areas evenly.
  5. DO NOT ALLOW SOAP TO DRY ON SURFACE. Rinse thoroughly. Wash in sections if necessary. When rinsing your door, make sure the water sheets off and there are no bubbles or areas where the water beads up. If the water does not sheet off the door or if there are bubbles or the water beads, the surface is not clean. Rewash the surface. Rinse thoroughly until there are no bubbles and the water sheets off.
  6. Let dry. Wet a clean cloth and wipe a section of the door, look at the cloth to ensure there is little to no oxidation. If there is any chalk or oxidation still on the door, rewash or wipe off with cloth and plain water. Allow the garage door dry completely before application of the coating.

**TIP: Tape off both sides** of any rubber gaskets or weather stripping around the garage door. The solvents in Everbrite™ can make soft rubber sticky. It is a good idea to put a **tarp** down while coating to protect your concrete.

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## **HOW TO OPEN THE CAN**

There is a metal insert in the 4 oz, Pint and Quart cans that seal the can for shipping. This needs to be removed & thrown away. The process is simple: Unscrew the cap. Hold the can to prevent the coating from spilling. Use a small screwdriver or ice-pick to pierce through the insert and pop it out. You may need to use a small hammer to tap the screwdriver to puncture the metal. Discard this piece.

## **APPLICATION OF COATING**

Personal Protection: Nitrile or chemical resistant gloves are needed to protect your hands.  
(*Rubber gloves will get sticky*).

1. Pour the coating into clean, dry, metal or glass pan. *Do not use plastic as the solvent can melt plastic.*  
**DO NOT DILUTE COATING.**
2. For application, use a clear-coat applicator: microfiber roller, natural-bristled paintbrush, clean dry lint-free white cloth, aerosol can or paint sprayer with a fine-finish tip. If using a cloth, fold it into a pad.
3. Submerge applicator completely into the coating. Squeeze out the excess. Applicator should be saturated but not dripping. This is important- as dry areas in the applicator can cause streaks.
4. Apply the coating to the surface letting the applicator “glide” across the surface. Do not press hard. Applicator should glide smoothly. When it starts showing resistance, dip the applicator again. If you get drips, simply smooth them out before the coating starts to dry. Observe the coating while applying: if the coating separates or does not look completely smooth, **STOP** and re-clean the surface.
5. Let the coating dry completely. It will self-level as it dries. If you see an area you missed, let it dry and then coat over the missed area. Everbrite coatings are self-annealing; meaning the second coat will become part of the first coat. Wait at least one hour between coats or until the previous coat is completely dry.

Some people get excess Everbrite™ between the panels of the door creating stickiness. After the coating is dry on the face of the door, you can remove excess coating from between the panels with Goof-off or xylene.

Two coats of Everbrite are recommended for long lasting protection. Wait at least one hour between coats. Make sure the first coat is completely dry before applying the second.

\*If you see streaks and the door was thoroughly cleaned, it is generally caused by not having the coating evenly distributed throughout the applicator or by pressing too hard and not leaving enough coating on the surface. Normally, another coat of Everbrite will solve this problem.

**That's it! Let dry and enjoy your beautiful & easy to maintain garage door. Dirt and dust will not penetrate the new finish and the door will be much easier to keep clean.**