

## Touch-Up Best Practices for Metal Panels

**Note: Please read prior to applying paint:** Touch up paint applied to metal panels or trim will weather differently than factory-applied paint created at the coil-coater. For best results, compare a sample paint swatch to the immediate area impacted. Factors like sunlight and existing panel ages should be considered.

**Note: Please read prior to attempting at elevated levels like roofs or gable ends:** Safety is the top priority. Climbing ladders and walking on any roof can be dangerous. Always use some method of fall protection that is approved by OSHA. Failure to provide the required safety equipment can result in serious injury or death.

### Materials Needed:

**Fine-tipped Brush:** Tip should be no larger than the width of the scratch

**Lint-Free Cloth**

**Primer** (if needed)

## How To Touch-Up a Scratched Metal Surface

1. Test color in small area, preferably with the same exposure levels to sunlight as the scratched section of the panel. Confirm color selection at least 24 hours after application before continuing.
2. Clean damaged area using appropriate techniques (see Care & Maintenance) and allow for area to dry completely prior to continuing. Dry using lint-free cloth and allow 30 minutes for additional air-drying to occur.
3. If metal substrate is exposed, primer will be needed prior to top coat. Apply primer if needed. Allow adequate time for drying before proceeding to finish coat.
4. Using a fine-tipped brush, apply thin layer of finish coat. Apply using a dabbing motion. Do not apply as long brush strokes which can leave a uneven layer of paint on the surface.
5. Allow 24-48 hours for the paint coat to dry. Apply second coat if needed.

Please note, the primary purpose of painting over scratched surfaces is to protect the interior metal from future risk of corrosion.