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Mohawk Finishing Monthly Newsletter

Hello everyone! October flew by quickly. We had a great response to the October newsletter. For our third newsletter, we are excited to feature a new line of comprehensive products that are state of the art, easy to use, and market compliant. Our Professional Finishing System™ is comprised of bulk finishing products that are competitively priced. The PFS product line is still expanding so you can check out our website for updates. Also, this edition of the newsletter will overview different types of leathers and how they are identified so you can use the proper products for care, repair and even refinishing. We hope you enjoy the November edition for the newsletter and welcome your suggestions and comments. [Click here](#)

Monthly Feature Professional Finishing System™

Mohawk Finishing Products is proud to be a part of the ever-changing furniture industry. We are committed to producing products that live up to your expectations and exceed industry standards. We have specifically formulated our new Professional Finishing System™ to meet the needs of kitchen cabinet, architectural millwork and custom finishing shops. These products are HAPS compliant and offer low VOCs. We are featuring four of our new topcoats and a versatile sealer this month.



DuraCoat™

- Pre-Catalyzed System - Available in 5 sheens
- Self Sealing
- 25% Solids
- Provided at ready to spray viscosity
- **You have said:** "Really love the DuraCoat™...It's beautiful and lays out great." *New Lenox, IL* "Love the way the DuraCoat™ lays down...it's the smoothest pre-cat we've used...We always appreciate the readily available technical support system that's in place." *Farmington Hills, MI*



Ultra Clear™

- Conversion Varnish System - Available in 5 sheens
- UV inhibitors protect against yellowing
- Can be used as a self sealing system
- 44% Solids
- Available in gallon or 5 gallon containers



VersaLac™

- Post-Catalyzed System - Available in 4 sheens
- Can be used as a self sealing system
- 32% Solids
- 6 month pot life after catalyst is added
- Provided at ready to spray viscosity



Clear WW Lacquer

- Nitrocellulose - Available in 4 sheens
- Excellent flow out
- 23% Solids
- Provided at ready to spray viscosity



E-Z Vinyl™ Sealer

- Can be used under nitrocellulose, pre-catalyzed and post-catalyzed topcoats
- 23% Solids
- Provided at ready to spray viscosity
- **You have said:** "The E-Z Vinyl™ Sealer is the best sanding sealer ever!" *Warren, MI*

Leather Identification

Last month we featured our leather cleaners. This month we thought it would be a good time to overview the various types of leather that you may find. Mohawk's products are all formulated for specific leather types. What is great for pigmented leather may not work so well on Nubuck.

Aniline (also called Natural) (A)

The surface of this leather has been colored with transparent dyes. When looking at a piece of aniline the transparency is similar to looking at a piece of stained wood. You will be able to visibly distinguish the natural grain. This leather will have imperfections and that will assure you that each hide is a one of a kind. Aniline leather has minimal surface protections and will tend to show the wear, scratches, and UV exposure.

Semi-Aniline (A)

This surface is covered with a lightly pigmented coating on which transparent and brilliant colors are oversprayed to reconstruct the natural appearance of leather. This is only a thin coating so it also has minimal surface protection.

Pigmented or Top Coated (P)

This is the most used finishing technique. These finishes consist of an opaque pigmented basecoat followed by a protective topcoat in order to completely cover the natural color. Pigmented leather can be identified by its uniform color. You will find this type of leather in high use furniture and automobile seats.

Pull Up (N)

Fashions come and go, but waxy and oiled leathers are here to stay. These two related types of leather are called Pull-up. These leathers lighten when stretched, bent or pulled up. They are considered natural leather because they do not have a thick topcoat.

Nubuck (N)

Nubuck is an aniline leather that has been sanded to give it a fine velvety surface. This is not suede. Suede is the flesh side of leather.

Bycast (B)

This is a system of leather finishing that maintains a consistent thickness and softness over the entire surface of the leather. This system not only keeps the surface of one hide uniform, but also can be used to give a uniform appearance to several hides. You can sometimes identify Bycast leather when stretching it - you can see a lighter color that reverts back to the original color once the pressure is released.

Ordering

You can order the featured products or any of our products by contacting your account representative, customer service or on our web site www.mohawk-finishing.com. To ensure your correct pricing level please be sure to use your account number.

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Customer Website

Have you ever wondered how musical instruments are made? Sylvan Wells started building musical instruments part-time in 1977, while he continued as an attorney. In the beginning Sylvan had very few resources

to tap into, however he has managed to complete 206 guitars and even taught on various subjects relating to the guitar at the Association of Stringed Instrument Artisans' Symposiums. Since his retirement from law, Sylvan now dedicates his time to creating musical instruments. His website is full of articles and links on instrument building. You can also order an instrument made especially for you. Go on and check him out, we're sure you will find an article or link that will catch your eye at <http://www.wellsguitars.com/>. You're bound to learn a little something about the art of instrument making.

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Let Mohawk Finishing Products Train You

Mohawk's new Professional Leather System is the most complete line of touch-up and repair products available. Leather workshops provide you with cutting edge techniques and products for leather care, repairing and reviving worn and damaged leather. Whether you want to pick up new tips or techniques, or are new to the leather repair industry this workshop is for you. Each student will take home approximately \$425 worth of leather products that can easily be taken to the job site. These 2 1/2-day workshops are held all over the country. To find a Leather, Wood, or Finishing workshop near you, click [Click here](#)

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