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Mohawk Finishing Monthly Newsletter

Seasons Greetings! As the holiday season approaches, there is always so much activity and personal business to attend to that it is easy to forget to thank our valued customers, like you, for their business and friendship. May this holiday season bring to you and your family all of the joy and happiness that you deserve. From our families to yours we wish you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Monthly Feature Finish-Up™ Polyurethane

With the winter months arriving, we thought that you might be interested in a product that can be used with little or no odor, fumes, or overspray. If that sounds like a product for you, read on. This December newsletter will feature an article on [Finish-Up™ Polyurethane™](#) given to us by Greg Williams. Many of you may already be familiar with Greg from attending a workshop or seminar in which he has instructed. Greg has been an employee with Mohawk Finishing Products for over 20 years and has written technical articles in publications such as Professional Refinishing, Woodshop News, or Furniture Design and Manufacturing Magazine. Greg is among one of the many knowledgeable resources available to you here at Mohawk Finishing Products.



Instructions for the Use of Finish-Up

Finish-Up™ is a water based, wipe-on polyurethane finish, which quickly dries water clear. It has very little odor and is non-flammable.

It is intended for use as a touch-up topcoat, to be used over virtually any finish, and any substrate. It is best applied by wiping on a thin wet film with a soft, smoothly textured cloth or sponge. It is important to avoid "flowing" it onto the surface.

Finish-Up™ dries rapidly (2-3 minutes at 72° F, 50% RH), and can be force dried with a hairdryer or heat-gun. Additional coats can be applied as soon as the previous coat is dry to the touch without dissolving or attacking the previous coat.

Finger Padding

Make a "finger-pad" by folding a small piece of trace cloth twice or more to form a corner. Place an index finger underneath the cloth at the corner, with the remainder of the cloth held in the palm by the remaining fingers and thumb. Wet the corner of the pad over the index finger with a few

drops of Finish-Up™. Apply Blendal® Powder to the wet pad by touching a finger on the opposite hand to the powder, and transferring that powder to the pad. Rub the powder into the pad until the powder is thoroughly "wet out". Apply more if needed. Use the pad to wipe on a thin film of colored Finish-Up™ into the area where color is needed. Feather in this color while wet, then allow to dry. Repeat process until the desired level of color is achieved, then apply clear Finish-Up™ in the appropriate sheen as topcoat.

Larger Surface Finish Replacement

Make an applicator with no corners, selvage edges, or wrinkles showing, using one of the following techniques:

- Wrap cotton knit cloth around a medium nap paint roller.
- Fold a strip of trace cloth so that all edges are folded inside the cloth, then roll up the cloth into a cylinder.
- Wrap trace cloth around a household sponge. Apply Finish-Up™ by wiping on a thin film over the entire surface, wiping in a straight line across the panel, preferably with the grain of the wood. Stroke only once or twice over any area. Overlap the strokes so that the entire surface is coated. Allow to dry, then repeat until desired coating thickness is achieved. (It will typically take three coats to cover the scratch pattern left by 400 grit sandpaper).

Shading or Toning

- Mix Blendal® Powder with Finish-Up™ to desired color intensity. Shake well. Allow bubbles to dissipate. This creates a pigmented coating with some hiding power.
- Or mix Ultra Penetrating stain with Finish-Up™. Stir in thoroughly. (Use less than 50% Ultra Penetrating Stain). This creates a transparent dye type coating with no hiding power.
- It is easier to apply an even color if you make a weaker mixture and apply several coats.

Graining/Brush Applied Color

- Put a drop of Finish-Up™ on a mixing glass, wet the graining brush with the Finish-Up™, and then dip the brush into the powder. Mix thoroughly on the mixing glass.
- Stroke the brush across the edge of the glass, squeezing out the excess liquid until the brush is sufficiently, but not too, wet.
- Apply color (grain lines) with the brush, rewetting with the mixture when necessary.

If it is necessary to spray an aerosol topcoat over Finish-Up™, test first in an inconspicuous area. Sometimes an aerosol lacquer can cause minor crazing of the Finish-Up™. (Typically, Mohawk's Pre-Catalyzed Lacquer does not).

Ordering

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Vermont Sleigh Company makers of fine furniture and accessories, who feature sleigh coffee tables. They craft highly authentic reproductions of 19th century children's sleighs to be anything you want them to be. A hand-crafted memento of an earlier age, or a beautiful compliment to a country home décor, there's always a place for a Vermont Sleigh Company sleigh to enliven your home, adding to it a sense of history, whimsy and fun. They believe creating antique-quality sleighs requires honoring the traditions of the earlier generations of craftsmen. That's why they design, build, and finish every sleigh by hand, using many of the same techniques and tools of a bygone era. Visit their website and see the making of a sleigh <http://www.vtsleigh.com/>

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Ever wanted to learn how to create antique finishes? You will learn that and much more at our **Professional Finishing Workshop**. This hands-on workshop shows you how to stain, apply glaze, color matching principles, using sandpaper and compounds, and much more. You will find the workshop to be a great value which will not only make you more versatile and efficient, but can help bring a greater variety of finishing jobs to your business. The step panels you create can be used to show your customers an assortment of different finishes from which they can choose. The workshop will be held January 11, 12, 13, 2005 at the Alabama Center for Advanced Woodworking Technology. To find a workshop that fits your needs and your schedule [Click here](#)

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