

INSTRUCTIONS MANUAL

SUGGESTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRIMED UNITS

In case a client decides to order your units (doors, windows, trim, etc.) without a final top coat or paint, and chose to have them delivered pre-finished with factory applied sealer and primer, there are a few suggestions and considerations take into account:

- **Always sand the whole primed surface of the unit before applying any paint.** The factory applied water base primer is design as a part of a system that protects the wood and provides a suitable surface for the paint to lock itself. In order to achieve this, lightly sand the surface with 320-grit sandpaper before painting/applying top coat. *Be very careful not to sand through the primer.*
 - To obtain a wider pore on the wood use a rougher sand paper, up to 180-grit.
- **Do not leave the pre-finish units exposed to the elements.** Sealer and primer are part of a system that ends with a top coat (paint). Exposing a pre-finish unit to direct sunlight, rain, etc. for extended periods deteriorates and weakens the protection of the wood.
- **Do not pierce the protective surface.** Whenever the surface gets pierce by nailing, drilling, cutting or by any other means, the protective system is left with a weak spot. In the presence of a highly humid environment or eve water, wood tannins may bleed through. To prevent this, over the weak spot apply a good quality, water base tannin blocking, primer or sealer in order to restore the protection of the wood from the environment and also protect the paint/finishing form bleeding from wood tannins. Structural silicone, wood glue or any other adhesive with sealing properties may be used in the areas drilled or pierce if the process performed requires it.