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## PAINTING NOTES & TIPS

### FLASHING AND OR ROLLER MARKS ON CEILINGS:

#### CAUSES:

If a new or existing ceiling has never been sealed properly it can result in uneven absorption when it is painted, especially where there is drywall compound and taping. This will also cause the paint to dry too fast which will also result in roller marks. The unique manner in which light reflects off a ceiling can be very unforgiving with respect to these imperfections and make them more noticeable.

#### SOLUTIONS:

1. As with most latex paints where drying time is a concern, reduce the heat and do what you can to increase the humidity level in the room to slow down the dry time and give the paint a better chance to flow and level.
2. Make sure you are set up so you can move quickly to keep a wet edge.
3. Ideally each ceiling should at some point be sealed with either an oil primer or a good 100% acrylic primer before the top coat of ceiling paint. This will keep the top coat from absorbing into the ceiling quickly and unevenly, keeping it wet much longer so it can flow and level.
4. Apply a thick coating of ceiling paint to allow enough product to keep a wet edge so you avoid overlap marks.
5. Use a quality roller sleeve with the proper nap for the substrate.

#### NOTE:

Sealing of the surface is especially important when painting **stipple ceilings**. Waterbase ceiling paint will re-activate stipple causing it to start falling off, resulting in a very messy, uneven finish on the ceiling.