

EXTERIOR PAINTING ON TOP OF THE PRIMER COATING

To execute the final painting on the exterior of the bathtubs there are some simple steps that need to be done in order to ensure that everything is performed in the correct way so you can ensure its maximum properties.

- The first step depends on the type of process that's going to be used, if you are going to use an air spray gun (aerographic), or some brushes or rollers in a typical manual process.
- If you are opting for the spray gun process, we strongly suggest that the enameled covered surface of the bathtub must be masked first (it's possible to find masking tape in any paint shop store), otherwise you can get some serious overspraying in the enamel, which leads to lot's of unnecessary hard work in removing it, with solvents.
- Care must be taken in the handling of the bathtubs, so that the enamel won't be damaged, and keep in mind that the bathtubs are considerably heavy.
- Then care must be taken to ensure that the ready to paint surface, is free from impurities such as dirt, grime, dust, oil, grease (grease can arise from the contact with the fingers), etc. To ensure this, the surface shall be sanded, this task can be performed manually with a sand paper in the 120 to 320 mesh range (lower grains can produce noticeable scratches in the painting), if you have access to air pressure devices, we suggest that afterwards you spray the bathtub with some clean air, if you don't you can pass a smooth cloth all over the bathtub. **Note:** this is a very import step; if it is not followed it can bring problems of paint adhesion in the future.
- Then the bathtub is ready to paint, you can use any kind of paint, because the primer that's being used is a universal primer, and therefore compatible with any paint. At that moment you must follow the individual instructions of the final paint (mixing ratios of paint/hardener, temperatures, drying time, etc).