

# Tips for Touch-Up Work

Once the responsibility for any touch-up work has been established; the paint contractor will now be able to assess possibility of an effective touch-up.

Various conditions should be considered before any work is performed, this is because effective touch up work can be difficult or even impossible in some situations.



Brush marks from touch-up plainly visible on a rolled wall

## Temperature

- If the temperature is 10 degrees cooler or warmer than the initial application it may affect the brightness of the touch-up. So trying to paint in similar environmental conditions will help .

## Coating Colour

- A darker colour coating is more difficult to touch-up, as any variants in brightness are much more obvious on darker shades.

## Lighting Conditions

- Even touch-up work completed with flat coatings will be visible under critical lighting conditions. Critical lighting conditions occur when sunlight or another source of light strikes a wall surface at a 15° angle or less.

## Porosity of the substrate

- Any freshly damaged areas will absorb the touch-up coat at a different rate than the surrounding areas that had been previously painted; resulting in variances in color and sheen (also known as “Flashing”).

## Gloss Level

- Variances in light reflectance are significantly more noticeable with higher gloss paints. The existing coating should have an MPI Gloss Level of either GL – 1 (flat) or GL – 2 (matte):

## Paint Batch

- In general, it is a good idea to keep a little bit of paint left over for touch-ups. Different batches of paint can have slightly different qualities even though they are the same product from the same manufacturer.

## Application

- The same type of application tool must be used: Different application tools will provide differences in the paint film's profile and will ultimately make any attempts at touch-up work incredibly visible.

The list above provides a general series of conditions that generally must exist for effective touch-up work, but does not guarantee the required outcome. In some cases, a full re-paint, including surface preparation will be required to achieve the final desired outcome.