



Preventing Common Finishing Problems - Step by step

There are many finishing problems. You may have seen some of them. Fish eyes. Lifting. Blushing. And countless others. Fixing them can be problematic, if not impossible. The best way to avoid them is through prevention. Here are some simple tips to avoid them in the future.

Step 1 - Check your product information sheet. Granted, this seems obvious, but your product information sheet is a rich resource. Double check your process against the sheet. Am I skipping a critical step? Is my timing correct?

Step 2 - Keep your tools, finishing equipment and workspace clean. Often, finishing problems are caused by contamination. These could come in the form of dust, water or even air. Check to make sure your surfaces and workspace are free of contaminants.

Step 3 - Check your environment air. Is there dust flying around?

Step 4 - Check that your air supply is free of water and oil.

Step 5 - Check your tools to make sure they have no residue on them.

Step 6 - Be sure the piece you are finishing is clean and dust free.

Step 7 - Be sure that your tack cloth is clean.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Follow these steps and hopefully you'll avoid future finish problems all together.

- Always refer to your (MSDS) Material Safety Data Sheet for proper (PPE) Personal Protective Equipment.

