

Using Paint on Royal White Fascia

Yes, Royal brand PVC fascia can be painted with exterior paint. Since PVC is a non-porous material, the key is using the right type of paint and proper preparation to ensure adhesion and prevent warping, especially if using a dark color.

Paint type

The best type of paint for vinyl or PVC fascia is a high-quality, 100% acrylic latex exterior paint. This kind of paint is flexible, allowing it to expand and contract with the PVC as temperatures change, which prevents cracking and peeling.

Special consideration for dark colors

If you want to use a dark paint color, it must be a "vinyl-safe" or "solar-reflective" formula. These specialty paints use pigments that reflect heat rather than absorb it, which prevents the PVC from overheating, warping, and buckling.

Recommended brands and types

High-quality, 100% acrylic exterior paints are available from most major paint manufacturers. Brands that offer suitable products include:

- **Sherwin-Williams:** The company offers its **VinylSafe** line, designed to prevent warping when painting vinyl with darker colors.
- **Benjamin Moore:** Look for their **Aura Exterior** or **Element Guard Exterior** paints, which are made with 100% acrylic and are engineered for durability.
- **Behr:** The **Ultra Premium Plus Exterior** paint is a 100% acrylic formula that works for this application.
- **Valspar:** This brand offers suitable 100% acrylic exterior paint options as well.

Preparation before painting

Proper preparation is crucial to ensure the paint adheres correctly and lasts.

1. **Clean thoroughly:** Wash the fascia with a mild detergent or a specialized siding cleaner to remove dirt, mold, mildew, and oxidation. Rinse well and allow it to dry completely.

2. **Lightly sand (optional):** Scuffing the surface lightly with fine-grit sandpaper can improve paint adhesion, but it is not required. We recommend doing it.
3. **Prime (if recommended):** While some 100% acrylic paints are self-priming, a separate high-quality acrylic bonding primer may be beneficial for optimal adhesion.
4. **Consider temperature:** For best results, paint in moderate weather conditions. Avoid painting on the hottest day of summer or in direct sunlight, especially with dark colors, as this can affect the paint's performance and cause warping.