## **Crescent Bronze® Metallic & Pearlescent Paints Application Tips:**



## **SURFACE PREPARATION**

- A. Choosing the appropriate coating system for a project and preparing substrates appropriately are essential to assuring coating performance and maximizing the life span of a coating system.
- B. Surface preparation must be appropriate to the substrate, the specific environmental conditions and the projected life span of a given coating. Budgetary constraints as well as pre-existing surface conditions may influence surface preparation methods to some degree, but allocation of the necessary resources (human and financial) to proper preparation will help ensure success.
- C. Surfaces must always be free of moisture, grease, oil, wax, loose particles or other contaminants. Remove peeling paint or other contaminants.
- D. Never apply product on areas where the surface temperature is below 50°F.
- E. Never apply product on un-sanded, glossy surfaces. Glossy surfaces must be lightly sanded and primed with a primer specified for the substrate.
- F. An appropriate primer is strongly recommended in all cases. Unpainted surfaces <u>must</u> be properly primed with a primer appropriate to the substrate.

## **HVLP or Conventional Air Spray Application Recommended**

- For the Smooth Metallic Finish where the desired outcome is a seamless metallic appearance (non-textured, non-faux finishing, etc.), the strongly recommended application method is High Volume Low Pressure spray application (HVLP) or Conventional Air spray application. Metallic finishes are to be applied in light sweeping "fog" coats to avoid applying too much paint too quickly. Additional fog coats may be applied once dry, observing manufacturer recommended dry times between applications.
- If only accent or detail work is being done, brush application is an option.
- If the paint must be applied by roller, then a ¼ " nap roller is recommended. Advise your applicator to apply the paint and <u>before the paint is set-up</u> i.e. during the "open" time immediately after the paint has been freshly applied <u>to back roll the previously painted area in one direction only, working in smooth continuous motion from top to bottom, to help minimize <u>lap lines</u>. Practicing the application with the metallic paint on a similar substrate before undertaking the actual project is advised!</u>

## PROTECTIVE CLEAR COAT

• For all outdoor applications or for indoor applications where extra protection is required. We recommend a protective clear coat over the metallic coat. Please contact Crescent Bronze for the appropriate recommendation.