



Keeping Matte Walls Clean: Prevention and Repair Tips

Matte walls look sophisticated and modern, but they can be tricky to maintain, especially in high-traffic areas like entrances, playrooms, and hallways. Fingerprints, smudges, and everyday wear leave marks and tend to show prominently on dark colors. Fortunately, with the right precautions and care, you can keep your walls looking fresh and flawless. Here's how to prevent marks and repair them when they appear.

Avoidance

- Select our washable **Satinée** finish. It is a matte, washable, water-based finish ideal for high-traffic applications.
- Apply a protective coating of **M056 Acrylic 2K-Mattlack**. Our clear, matte sealant can help repel stains without altering the look of the paint.
- Choose lighter colors. Light colors show marks less than dark colors.
- Place artwork or furniture against the wall. Artwork or furniture often reduces direct contact with walls, even in public spaces like museums.

Cleaning Emulsion

- To clean minor damages and surface imperfections like white marks or dirt, lightly moisten a clean, non-fluffing, soft fleece cloth. Dab the affected area gently and allow it to dry.
- Avoid abrasive scrubbing to prevent shine spots.
- Clean, soft erasers (Magic erasers) work well for some marks but should not be overused. Test first in an unseen place.

Cleaning Satinée

- Use a soft sponge with mild soap and water. Avoid abrasive scrubbing to prevent scratches
- Ammonia-based cleaners may help remove stubborn stains in some cases. Test in an inconspicuous area first, use sparingly, and wipe away any residue immediately.

Minor Repairs

Keep extra paint and use a small brush for minor touch-ups. Lightly dab a small amount of paint onto the

affected area. Apply the paint only to the defective spot without overlapping, as overlap may cause a bright halo effect around the repair.

Heavy Marks

For heavily marked areas, consider repainting with the same color and finish.

Deep Scratches

Fill and level defects. Prime with the appropriate primer. Repaint with the the same color and finish.

Uneven Surfaces

For completely matte, dark ceilings or wall surfaces with warping or spatula marks and sidelight exposure, we recommend our **MATE** silicone resin paint. This chalk-based paint reduces the visibility of surface imperfections.

Stubborn Stains

Some stains may persistently reappear, including nicotine, form release agents, silicone joints, hand lotion, blood, felt-tip pens, spray paint and rust. For these, a barrier coat is required. Apply a water-based insulating primer. In severe cases (nicotine stains, for example), a solvent-based insulating primer may be required.

Expert advice

Contact our experts at info@ktcolor.com if you have any questions.

Disclaimer

This information provided is for general cleaning and maintenance purposes only. The effectiveness of cleaning methods may vary based on wall type, paint finish, and environmental conditions.