



Consumer Reports®

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Interior paint

A new winner tops our tests

Ratings Interior paints

In performance order, within types. (Types designated A, B, etc.)

● Excellent
● Very good
○ Good
● Fair
● Poor

		Product	Price (per gal.)	Overall score	Test results							VOCs	
Recommendation	Rank				Hiding	Stains	Gloss change	Scrubbing	Smoothness	Resists mildew	Resists sticking	Resists fading	Claimed (grams/liter)
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A SATIN AND EGGSHELL Balanced strengths make these best for most areas.													
✓	1	Benjamin Moore Aura Satin 1 3 4	\$66	85	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	50
✓	2	Behr Premium Plus Ultra Satin Enamel (Home Depot) 1	33	84	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	50
✓	3	Kilz Casual Colors Satin	27	82	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	50
✓	4	Glidden Premium Satin (Home Depot)	23	80	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	50
✓	5	Behr Premium Plus Satin Enamel (Home Depot)	25	78	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	50

B FLAT AND MATTE Best for low-traffic areas and hiding imperfections.

✓	1	Behr Premium Plus Ultra Flat (Home Depot) [1]	31	82	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	50
✓	2	Benjamin Moore Aura Matte [1]	66	77	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	50
✓	3	Behr Premium Plus Flat Enamel (Home Depot)	20	76	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	50
✓	4	Benjamin Moore Natura Flat	55	75	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	0
✓	5	Glidden Premium Flat (Home Depot)	19	73	●	○	●	○	●	●	●	●	50

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Tomorrow's Answers Today

C SEMIGLOSS Best for trim, doors, shelves, and other areas that are infrequently wiped.

✓ 1	Benjamin Moore Regal Select Semi-Gloss ¹ ⁴	50	81								50
✓ 2	Behr Premium Plus Ultra Semi-Gloss (Home Depot) ¹	34	81								50
✓ 3	Benjamin Moore Aura Semi-Gloss ¹	66	80								50
✓ 4	Royal Interiors by ACE Semi-Gloss	28	77								50
✓ 5	Glidden Brilliance Semi-Gloss (Walmart) ¹	27	77								0
✓ 6	Behr Premium Plus Semi-Gloss Enamel (Home Depot)	25	76								50
✓ 7	Glidden Premium Semi-Gloss (Home Depot)	24	76								50