Please take a moment to review these instructions and familiarize yourself with PeelAway®

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO BEGIN

- Heavy Plastic Sheeting
- PeelAway® Applicator or Trowel
- Nylon Paint Brush
- Plastic Garden Sprayer
- Safety Goggles
- Duct Tape
- Flexible Putty Knife
- Long Chemical Resistant or Neoprene Gloves
- Clean/Empty Trigger Sprayer Bottle
- Nylon Scrub Brush or Sponge

TEST AREA

Always "Test Patch" each type of surface/coating to be removed before general use to determine compatibility, yield, proper thickness and dwell time needed.

PREPARATION

Mask/protect areas where stripping is not desired. Use heavy plastic sheeting and duct tape to create an effective barrier against the remover and all water from the rinsing and neutralizing process.

For interior use, make sure to protect all flooring and furnishings. For exterior use, plants and foliage should be covered or rinsed thoroughly before and after application.

APPLICATION / SPREAD RATE

1. PeelAway® provides an average coverage of 20 square feet per gallon or enough to strip one side of an average door.

2. Apply PeelAway® at a thickness of no less than 1/8" to 1/4". For flat surfaces use PeelAway® applicator or trowel. For detailed areas, use a nylon paint brush to push PeelAway® into cracks and crevices, and then use the applicator or trowel to apply additional remover to achieve the desired thickness.

3. Cover PeelAway® paste with the Paper provided, with the printed side out. Smooth over with hands gently, working from the center of the paper to the edge. Puncture any remaining air bubbles with a knife. Overlap the paper 1/4" to allow for shrinkage.

Dwell Time

The time required for liquefying the paint will vary according to the number of layers, type of coating, temperature and humidity. Leave on for between 12 and 24 hours. Do not let PeelAway® harden on the surface. Allowing the remover to harden will require removal of the PeelAway® Paper as best you can and then an additional application of PeelAway® to reactivate the previous layer.

REMOVAL / CLEAN UP

1. Always remove the PeelAway® Paper, PeelAway®, and the liquefied paint with either the application tool or a flexible putty knife in one step. Ease the liquefied paint and PeelAway® Paper not relying on tension between the PeelAway® and the PeelAway® Paper to pull away the paint.

2. Immediately after removing paste and liquefied paint, use small amounts of water, scrub brush, and sponge to wash off residue completely. Repeat until no residue remains. Allowing the residue to dry will make the Citri-Lize™ neutralizing step less effective and slow future drying.
**NEUTRALIZATION**

*Citri-Lize™* Neutralizer is included with each purchase of **DELL AWAY™**

1. **Dilute the Citri-Lize™ in warm water according to package instructions. Stir until completely dissolved (15-30 seconds).**
2. **Apply Citri-Lize™ solution with a plastic garden sprayer starting from the bottom and working up, making sure to soak completely.**
3. **Scrub the surface with a stiff nylon brush while the surface is still wet.**
4. **Rinse the surface after 15-30 minutes with clean water and allow to dry.**

**CHECKING THE pH LEVEL OF THE STRIPPED SURFACE**

1. The pH test kit (included) contains 15 strips of litmus paper for testing.
2. **Hold one strip on the surface and wet with a small amount of clean water (trigger sprayer bottle works best).**
3. **Compare the color to the small color chart provided. Yellow is the optimal color.**
4. **It is important to lower the level of the pH to a range of between 5 and 8, especially if painting is to follow. Failure to achieve a pH less than 8 will result in premature paint failure.**
5. **Allow stripped and neutralized surface to thoroughly dry before painting. Exterior surfaces may require longer drying time due to temperature and humidity.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We recommend the use of a premium 100% acrylic stain blocking primer on all wood surfaces to minimize moisture problems. Cedar, redwood and cypress woods have a tendency to bleed resin and/or tannic acids. Extra drying time may be required before painting these surfaces (up to as much as 60 days in some cases) otherwise staining may occur. Ask your paint supplier for a premium primer that retards and seals in extractive bleeding discoloration.

**LIMITATIONS**

For best results, surface temperatures should be between 50° - 90° F @ 50% R/H. This product can be applied as low as 35° F, however efficiency/effectiveness is reduced and dwell time will be increased.

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**CAUTION**

Do not use on veneers, plywood, aluminum, composition molding or drywall. Do not use on hardwoods such as Mahogany, Teak, IPE, or Ironwood unless you are going to repaint, as it will darken these types of wood.

**Use SmartStrip or **DELL AWAY™ **for these surfaces.**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN AND ANIMALS.**
**ALWAYS WEAR GOGGLES AND SAFETY GLOVES WHEN USING **DELL AWAY™ **READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL SAFETY AND FIRST AID INFORMATION ON THE Citri-Lize™ AND CONTAINERS BEFORE USE.**

**HELPFUL HINTS**

*If First Coat of Paint is Latex Paint*

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**Manage the Project**

Always try to work in manageable sections to include application and removal. Remove paper, remover, and liquefied paint in one step, and never let the residue dry.

**Never Let **DELL AWAY™ **Completely Dry**

If product completely dries, remove the **DELL AWAY™ Paper** as best as you can or score it with a razor blade. Apply more product over the dry product and recover. This will usually take 4-5 hours for the softening to occur.

**Avoid Damaging the Surface**

We recommend the use of plastic removal tools on wood surfaces to avoid gouging. Use metal removal tools on masonry or metal surfaces.

**pH Not Low Enough**

Most surfaces require 2 applications of **Citri-Lize™**

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**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?**

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