

"Latest Advancements in UV Finishing Technology: LED & Beyond"

# Are You Ready to Go UV? ----A Guide to Implementing UV Technology

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# **UV Curable Coatings**

## **A Formulated Mixture of:**

- Monomers
- Oligomers
- Polymers
- Photoinitiators
- Additives (flow, gloss, adhesion, color, etc.)



## **3 Primary Forms of UV Curable Coatings**





## Exposure to UV Light Energy Cures the Coating





## **Fully Cured Finish!**









## **Estimate Your Finishing Cost**

#### Performance Finishes by Van Technologies

#### **Finishing Cost Calculator**

Enter information and Data in Blue Highlighted Cells

Enter Job Description: 100% UV Process Lineal Molding: Stain, Seal & Topcoat



Enter	Enter
Linear ft	Width (in)
80000.00	4.00
	Linear ft 80000.00

	Enter
Select Process:	Auto
Enter Line Speed (fpm):	75.00
Enter # Lengths or Units Positioned Across Line:	1
Operating Time/Day (hr.):	7.00
Setup Time Required (hr.):	0.50
Cleanup/Maintenance Time Required (hr.):	0.50
# Coating Application Stations/Pass:	3

	Enter
Labor Rate	
(\$/hr.):	\$20.00
# Laborers:	3
<b>Overhead Rate</b>	
(\$/hr.):	\$30.00

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	Coat 1	Coat 2	Coat 3	Coat 4	Coat 5
Coating Type:	Stain	Sealer	Clear Topcoat		
Wet Thick. (mil):	2	1.25	1	0	0
# Sides Coated:	1	1	1	0	0
Transfer Effcy.%:	65	95	95	0	0
\$/gallon:	\$25.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	Coat 6	Coat 7	Coat 8	Coat 9	Coat 10
Coating Type:					
Vet Thick. (mil):	0	0	0	0	0
# Sides Coated:	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer Effcy.					
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#### Lineal Molding: Stain, Seal & Topcoat

Coating Cost Summary:	# Coats:	3
	<b>Total Gallons:</b>	90.52
Total Applie	d Coating Cost:	\$3,444.13
Total Applied Co	ating Cost/sqft:	\$0.1292
Total Applied Coating	g Cost/Linear ft:	\$0.0431
Process Cost Detail:	# passes	1
Hrs. Req. to A	oply Coating(s):	17.78
Setup + Cleanup/Ma	intenance Hrs.:	1.00
Total	Job Time Req.:	18.78
	Days Req.:	2.68
Total Labor &	Overhead Cost:	\$1,690.00
Total Labor & Over	head Cost/sqft:	\$0.0634
Total Labor & Overhead	d Cost/Linear ft:	\$0.0211

Total Cost Summary (Coating + Process	Cost):
Total Finishing Cost:	\$5,134.13
Total Finishing Cost/sqft:	<b>\$0.1925</b>
Total Finishing Cost/Linear ft:	<b>\$0.0642</b>

#### **Total Finishing Cost**

#### Estimated: \$0.064/lin.ft.

Add value of material lumber, milling/molding process, labor and overhead to yield total product cost.

Now, calculate product price at desired, competitive, or allowable profit margin. Time for equipment investment can be determined.









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# **Some Specialized Equipment Options**

100% OV Curable Coating Application Process					
	Automatic		Curtain		Vacuum
	Spray*	Roll Coat	Coat	Flow Coat	Coat
Reclaim Spray Booth	+	-	-	-	-
Sanding/Denibbing Station	+	+	+	+	+
UV Cure Oven	+	+	+	+	+
* Manual spray of 100% UV curable coatings is not recommended without full PPE.					

#### 100% LIV Curable Coating Application Process

#### Solvent or Waterborne-UV Curable Coating Application Process

	Manual	Automatic		Curtain		Vacuum
	Spray	Spray	<b>Roll Coat</b>	Coat	Flow Coat	Coat
Reclaim Spray Booth	-	+	-	-	-	-
Sanding/Denibbing Station	+	+	+	+	+	+
Drying Oven or Process	+	+	+	+	+	+
UV Cure Oven	+	+	+	+	+	+



All Types of Wood Components can be UV Finished









# **Potential Finishing Operational Advantages**





# Let's Compare a Conventional Finish to a UV Curable Finish:

Same Finish Build – must apply 4X film thickness



Transfer Efficiency at 65% (vs. 95% for UV)

Sealer Cost of \$14/Gal.

**Topcoat Cost of \$20/Gal.** 

Same Labor & Overhead Cost – Not Likely Same Production Rate – Not Likely



## **Conventional Finish Cost Estimate**

#### Performance Finishes by Van Technologies

#### **Finishing Cost Calculator**

Enter Job Description: Conv. Process Lineal Molding: Stain, Seal & Topcoat **Process Data** Enter Select Job Description: Linear ft Select Length Unit of Measure: ft Select Width Unit of Measure: in # Individual Coats Applied: 3 Enter Zero ... 0 Enter Enter Account For Any Edges & Ends in Length and Width (in) Linear ft Width Data 80000.00 4.00 Enter Select Process: Auto 75.00 Enter Line Speed (fpm): Enter # Lengths or Units Positioned Across Line: 1 Operating Time/Day (hr.): 7.00 Setup Time Required (hr.): 0.50 Cleanup/Maintenance Time Required (hr.): 0.50 # Coating Application Stations/Pass: 3

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## **Final Cost Comparison**

Performance Finishes by Van Technologies

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Total Cost Summary (Coating + Process Cost):		
Total Finishing Cost:	\$6,446.84	
Total Finishing Cost/sqft:	\$0.2418	
Total Finishing Cost/Linear ft:	\$0.0806	

#### Conv. Process Lineal Molding: Stain, Seal & Topcoat

Coating Cost Summary:	# Coats:	3
	<b>Total Gallons:</b>	255.74
Total Applied	d Coating Cost:	\$4,756.84
Total Applied Co	ating Cost/sqft:	\$0.1784

# Conventional



## **Final Cost Comparison**



# **Conventional** \$0.0806/Linear ft



**Final Cost Comparison** 

The UV Finish Process is 20% Less than the Conventional Finish Process!





# Will our customers appreciate it?



The Pick Any 2 Slide



The Pick Any 2 Slide







## **Process Variables**

- Wood Surface Temperature
- Prep Sanding of Wood Surface
- Wet Applied Film Thickness
- Line Speed/Cure Speed
- UV Lamp Configuration/Type/Power
- Intercoat Sanding
- Etc.



**Quality Monitoring** 

- Temperature Wood & Coating
- Coating Viscosity
- Wet Applied Film Thickness/Weight
- Speed
- Radiometer UV Energy Density/Dose & Power
- Adhesion
- Gloss
- Color
- Etc.







# **Chemical Hazards**

- May cause skin & eye irritation
- May cause respiratory tract irritation
- May cause skin sensitization
- Minimal ingestion hazard
- Typically low in volatile content





# **Personal Protection**

- Wear safety glasses/goggles with UV protection as necessary
- Wear appropriate gloves (butyl/nitrile)
- Avoid contamination of clothing
- Wear impervious safety shoes
- Use respiratory equipment for mists/spray









# **UV Materials**

# **Storage and Handling**

- Maintain head space for oxygen requirements of the inhibitor
- Avoid contamination with peroxides, strong oxidizers, strong acids & amines, and metals such as copper & iron
- Store in closed containers at the temperature the product will be used
- Protect from sunlight & room light
- Do not use steam or electrical drum/pail heaters
- Avoid freezing





# There are a few things to keep in mind:



Performance Finishes by Van Technologies **Implementing UV Curing is** <u>NOT</u> a **PLUG & PLAY proposition!** 

#### It is an integration of:

- People
- Process
- Chemistry



# Work with the right coating and equipment manufacturers!

For Predictable, High Quality Results!











# New Trends in UV Curing









- Excellent Optical Performance of High Productivity
- High Output
- Easy to Install and Modular for Flexibility in Curing Applications
- Multiple Wavelengths Available



# **Advancement of UV LED's**



## UV LED Lamps are Improving with Significant Advances in Optical Focus and Power but ...

Heraeus

**Courtesy of: Heraeus** 



At 4", the extrapolated irradiance is 0.62 W/cm<sup>2</sup> (620 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>!

#### Irradiance vs. Distance from Part Surface: (OmniCure AC9 Series)





# **UV LED Opportunities**

## Instant On/Off

Long Lifetime (>20,000 hours)

### **Low Energy Consumption**

Adaptable with Multiple Wavelengths

**Compact Size** 

**Low Process Heat** 

**Can Combine with Conventional UV Lamps** 

**Suitable for Clears and Pigmented Systems** 



# Some Challenges with UV LED

**Finishing Multiple Profiles and 3D Surfaces** 

Variable distances need to be accommodated

Suppliers are working to develop/formulate specific coatings having cure response consistent with UV LED's

Sources of quality UV LED compatible coatings

Present Cost is High vs. Conventional UV Lamps

As market acceptance advances, costs will become more affordable