1. **Never** open the POR-15 can until you are ready to paint.

2. Make sure surface to be painted is **bone-dry**. Use a hairdryer if necessary.

3. You must use **Metal-Ready** first if you are painting POR-15 on new steel, galvanized metal, aluminum, or any smooth metal surface.

4. Do not apply POR-15 to a “tacky” surface. Wait till the first coat is dry to the touch before applying a second coat of POR-15.

5. **Do not paint directly from the POR-15 can** unless you are going to use up all the paint in one session. Stir contents of can thoroughly, then dispense a quantity of POR-15 into a separate container and seal can immediately using plastic food wrap between lid and groove of can. If can is sealed metal-to-metal with paint in the groove, can will be sealed permanently. **Best Method**: keep groove free of paint by using coffee scoop or similar device to dispense.  
   **Note**: Leftover paint should not be put back in can as this will shorten shelf life and might cause pressure to build up in can, causing the lid to pop off. Refrigerate unused POR-15 for longer shelf life.

6. If your job had to be degreased or cleaned, you **must** use **Metal-Ready** before applying POR-15.

7. If you are perspiring and a bead of sweat drops into the POR-15 can, the paint is **ruined** and should be **thrown out**. It won’t stick properly.

8. Use POR-15 in well **ventilated areas only**. We recommend the use an organic vapor particulate respirator, NIOSH/MSHA approved, when applying POR-15. If you are spray painting, you **must** use an **air-supplied** respirator.


10. **POR-15** should not be applied over other paints. It is UV sensitive and must be top-coated with an opaque paint if left exposed to the sun.

11. **Never shake up** a can of POR-15. It should always be stirred.

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