



Press Release



That old stripper has had it's day

Now you can easily remove up to 30 layers of old paint with PeelAway.

If you took a vote on the most disliked DIY renovating job, stripping off layers of paint would be very high on the list. But most people will patiently persist with paint removers, brushes, scrapers, sanders and paint burning equipment, simply because exposing beautiful old timber makes the effort worthwhile.

However, there's a much easier way to do it. In fact you can just apply a coat of PeelAway, cover it and leave it to work its' magic while you go off and do other tasks.

When you come back, up to 30 layers of paint will simply peel off your timber.

PeelAway is a thick paste that you apply and then cover with a unique, laminated plastic sheet that prevents any fumes or dangerous chemicals being released into your home. It also keeps the product active longer, so it softens many layers. You then just peel off the laminated cover and the old paint, then complete the job by cleaning with plain water and a scrubbing brush. Or if it's an external job, you can use a light pressure clean.

It can take up to 48 hours to soften the paint, depending on the number of layers, but as the laminated cover turns light brown when the paint is ready to be removed, there is no guesswork.

And if your home was built before the 1970s, PeelAway has some important safety benefits in removing the lead-based paints that were then commonly used. These can be particularly harmful to children and pregnant women if they are incorrectly removed, as lead can cause learning, attention, hearing, growth and behavioural problems in children.

The Environment Protection Authority estimates there are around one million homes in Sydney alone that are potentially harmful because of old lead paint. While it's wise to remove it, the EPA says the usual dry sanding, scraping, grinding or burning should not be used as this can expose both the trades person and residents to the effects of lead. But PeelAway is quite safe, as the plastic cover prevents solvents or fumes escaping into the air as the paint softens. When the cover is removed, the old lead paint is contained within the laminated sheet.

PeelAway has been trusted in the restoration of many historic projects, including Jones Bay Wharf in Sydney. This is a heritage listed refurbishment where multiple layers of paint had to be removed from hardwood columns and exterior weatherboards. As 90 per cent of this building is constructed in the water at Sydney Harbour, PeelAway's ability to safely contain all the waste was especially important.

Other historic projects include the Westpac Bank in York Street, Sydney and Walsh Bay Piers 8 and 9.

PeelAway can be used on a wide range of surfaces: soft and hard timbers, concrete, bricks, render, plaster, stone, sandstone, cast iron, metal, aluminium, fibreglass, marble and wallpaper. It can even be used to remove anti-fouling from yachts! It is available in a number of different formulations. Peel Away 6, for example, is especially good for removing varnishes and paints from fine furniture or hardwood which is to be kept natural or stained, as it won't raise the grain or discolour the wood.

See your local Haymes Paint Specialist for more information and advice on the right PeelAway product for your projects. For commercial enquiries call 1800 033 431.