

Painting and Altering Your Durabrac® Product (Optional, but completely doable. For a more distinctive look.)

Victorian Gingerbread embellishments, loved by so many, have all but disappeared from our landscape. The original gingerbread, with layers of paint, became too much of a maintenance problem. The new wood replacements will likely rot and paint will chip and fade—requiring continual up-keep. And so, the cycle of maintenance begins.

Durabrac® Vinyl Components, with the look and feel of old style gingerbread, require little to no regular maintenance. No chipping, cracking, fading or peeling.

Why do our customers choose Durabrac®?

- Durability with low maintenance. It's in our name, "durable brackets."
- Creative, unique designs available in many sizes.
- Durabrac® components have the weight and feel of wood without the potential for rot and other maintenance issues.
- Durabrac® components are resilient, with white ultraviolet protecting pigment throughout. They stand up to all weather, be it wind, water or sun.
- Smooth, satin finish without that plastic look or feel.
- The dense nature of the material provides excellent fastener holding capability.
- Moisture is never a problem, leave them white and never worry.

Want to paint your Durabrac® product?

Something all artists know is that color is as important as composition. Paint your components soft or paint them bright. Paint them to reflect your personal style. Whatever you choose, you can't go wrong by painting your Durabrac® component. The natural flat white surface of makes for excellent painting adhesion. And, a painted component is much easier to keep clean and will resist **peeling, checking or cracking.**

We recommend: A good Latex paint. Latex paint aggressively adheres to the surface of the Durabrac® components. Because moisture can not get behind the painted surface, a properly applied finish will not peel, crack, or check. Priming is not necessary.

The Material

The raw material used to manufacture Durabrac® Architectural Components is cellular PVC (vinyl) at the most common thicknesses of 3/4" and 1".

All Vinyl is not created equal. The uniformity of the core, the way it is manufactured, and the quality of the stabilizers that are added are the key factors we look for in selecting our material.

Interesting Facts about the Durabrac® Vinyl:

Durabrac® components have a surface density similar to pine. The vinyl we use has about the same strength in all directions, making it more resistant to breakage. More than once, customers thought we sent them wood components that were primed white.

Durabrac® components are not as rigid as wood when cut in long lengths. This allows running trim and spandrel to be installed on a curve.

Durabrac® components do not absorb water so they will not rot or crack, making them perfect for coastal areas as well as northern, snowy climates.

Alteration

Durabrac® components can be altered with most common woodworking tools. It is important that your tools are sharp. Dull tools create heat that will soften the material and create a rough finish.

You do not have to pre-drill for small nails and screws. The cellular makeup of the material is not prone to splitting. Pre-drilling is encouraged but not required for most Durabrac® installations.