Painting Instructions

As with most things, there are several methods/techniques for painting lines. Line painting can be performed using tape or a stencil, and with spray paint, or high-solids paint and either a brush or roller.

A professional gamecourt builder will probably use a line taping machine, primer, and a two-part Aliphatic Acrylic Urethane Paint for plastic.









There are also short-cuts that you can take. A gamecourt builder might be hesitant to use spray paint, but it hasn't been around that long and people are inclined to do things the way they've always been done.

Within the last few years, Krylon introduced a spray paint specifically for plastics, called *Fusion* that also works well. As always, it's a good idea to experiment with a spare piece of tile.

The Tried and True Method

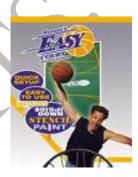
- 1. Tape
- 2. MEK
- 3. Aliphatic Acrylic Urethane Paint
- 4. Primer
- 5. Brush & Roller
- 1. Most paint stores (Benjamin Moore, Sherwin Williams, etc.) will have everything you need.
- 2. Tape off the desired lines using painter's tape, pressing firmly into the texture of the tile.
- 3. Line painting machine are available that hold two rolls of tape 2" apart and assist in creating arcs. Check with your local tool/equipment rental store.
- 4. Clean the area to be painted with "MEK" or a suitable cleaner. Your local paint supply store will be able to direct you. This will remove any oily residue that might be on the plastic and inhibit paint from sticking.

- 5. Within minutes the MEK will be dry. When it is, brush or roll on the Primer. Follow primer directions for dry time.
- 6. We recommend **Aliphatic Acrylic Urethane Paint** designed for plastic. The paint dealer should be able to provide you with their brand and specific instructions.
- 7. Apply two coats if necessary.
- 8. Follow the paint manufacturer's instructions regarding dry time. Typically this will be 24 to 48 hours to ensure time to cure.

The Easier Method

- 1. Spray Paint
- 2. Tape
- 3. Stencil





Any of the steps listed in the method above (MEK, primer, tape, etc.) can be used with spray paint as can a roller be used with a stencil.

Follow the directions on the stencil kit and the paint. Apply as many coats as necessary and allow paint to dry before walking on the court.

To Paint Entire Tile or Sections of the Court

The best method for painting large areas or entire tile would be to use the two-part Aliphatic Acrylic Urethane Paint. You can take a color sample to the paint store and have them match the color. Follow the paint manufacturer's instructions.

If you use this method, check that the paint doesn't drip onto the court surface below and act as glue, securing the tile to a particular spot on the court. If this happens, break the bond between the tile and the surface

beneath.

Line-Rite Line Taping Machine