

# HOME, LAWN & GARDEN

## Brush up on painting smarts for fall

(NC)—Once you select colours for your fall painting job, take the time to choose the right type of paint for your project. The type of paint you use can dramatically affect the results, says PARA Paints, offering this "Painting 101" review: Latex or oil? There are essentially two categories of paint: latex (acrylic or emulsion) and

alkyd (oil). Water-based latex paints are increasingly preferred because they clean up easily with soap and water and are more environmentally friendly than alkyds. They're also durable, create very little odour, are less likely to grow mildew, and adhere to almost any surface. Oil-based paints remain your best choice for repainting

surfaces already covered in four or more layers of alkyd paint, or any exterior surface that has heavy chalking.

Sheen: The most common finishes (from highest to lowest gloss), are gloss, semi-gloss, pearl, eggshell (satin), velvet, and flat. Semi-gloss and gloss finishes, known for their durability and

shine, are used in high traffic areas such as kitchens and bathrooms, and on fingerprint and grime-collecting places like doors, baseboards and banisters. Eggshell paint has less lustre than a semi-gloss, yet more shine than a flat, and is the most common finish for halls and bedrooms. Flat paints are non-reflective, ideal for ceilings, and hiding imperfections.

Specialty paints: There are many paints designed for special purposes. Some paints, for example, are formulated to resist mildew in rooms where steam and moisture build-up is a factor, such as kitchens and bathrooms. Others are created with superior adhesion qualities, making them ideal for painting over trim, cupboards, furniture and ceramic tiles. There are even flat paints, engineered to provide the same stain resistance and durability associated with high gloss paints, for use in high traffic rooms where you may prefer a duller finish.

Primers: Primers come in many forms, so it's important to pick the right one for your job. Like paint, primers are either alkyd (oil) or water-based. Some are formulated to resist mildew while others are designed to seal porous or chalky surfaces. There are even primers with super-adherent qualities to cover previously-enamelled or varnished surfaces, and others have anti-rust inhibitors to cover and add protection to steel or iron.

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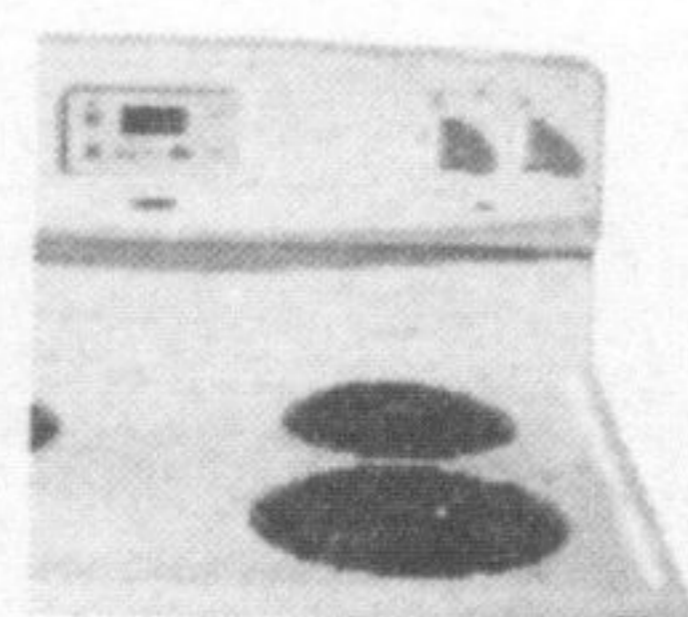


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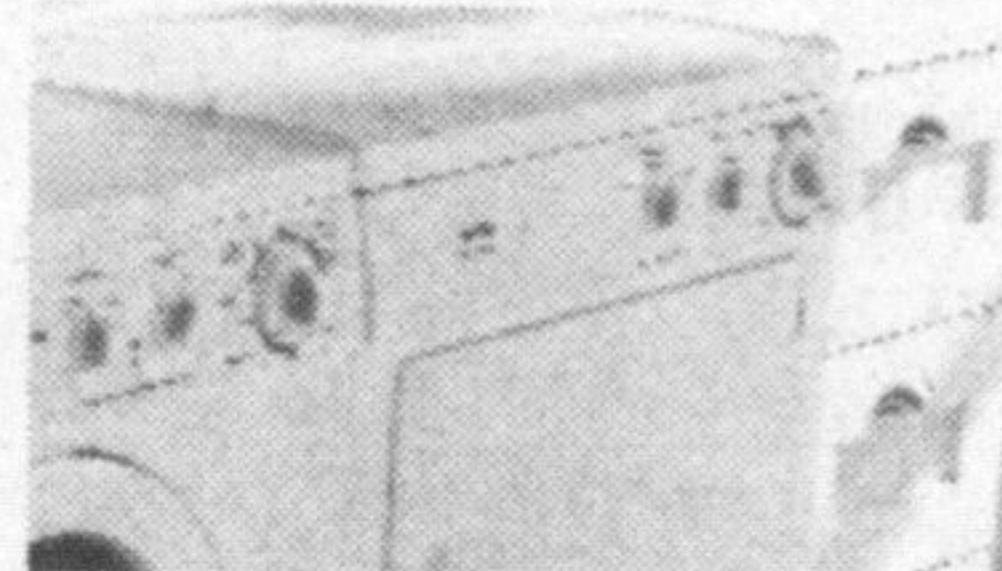
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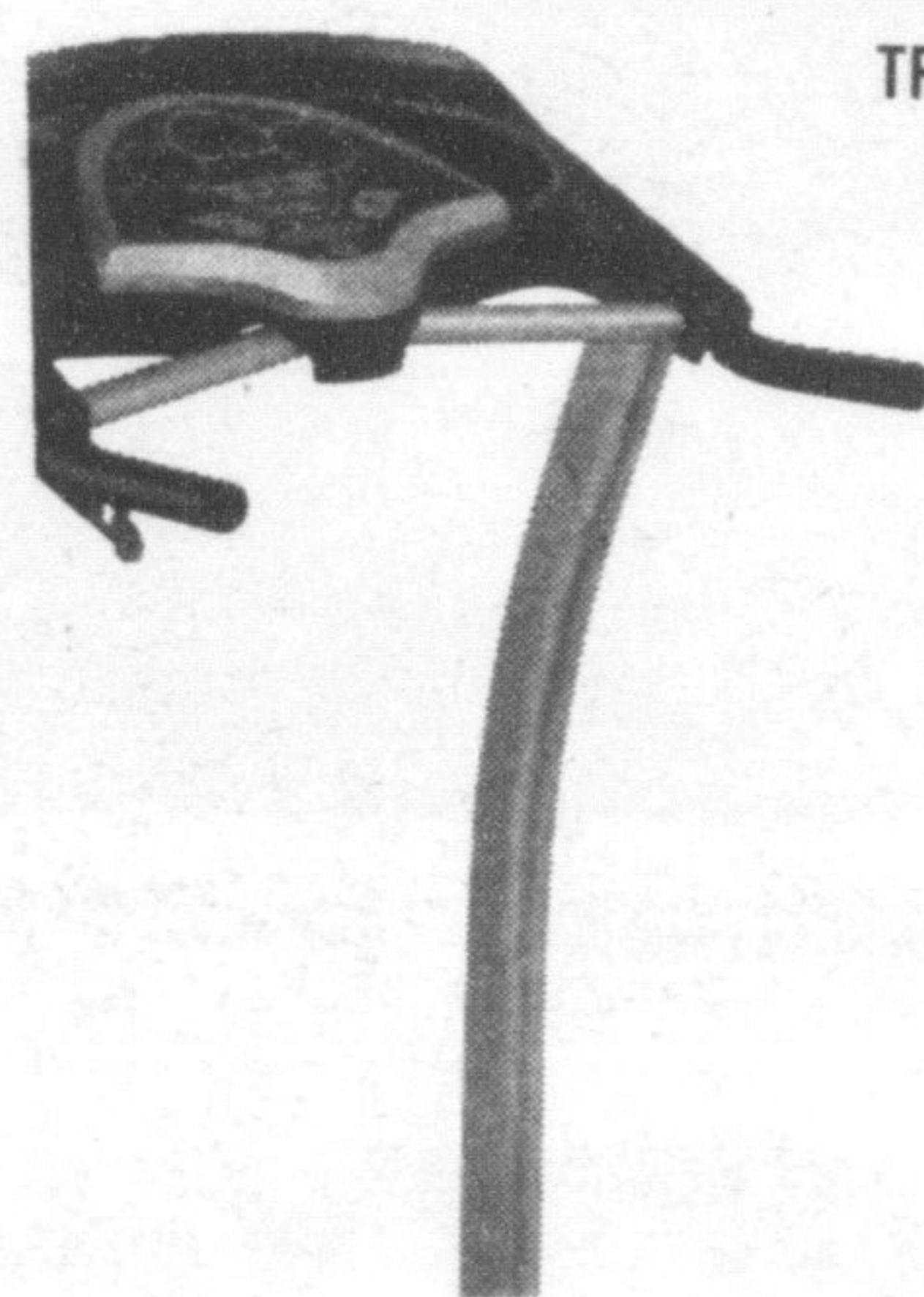
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