

Choose the Right Solvent

Thins (Per Coatings Directions) & Modifies Dry Time

Product	Dry Time	Oil/Alkyd Based Paint	Oil-Based Stain	Oil Polyurethane Varnish	Lacquer	Epoxies	Shellac	Adhesives/ Ink	Fiberglass Resins	Contact Cement	Rubber Cement	Synthetic Stains	Concrete Stains
Linseed Oil	Very Slow	Orange											
Paint Thinner	Medium	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow									
Odorless Mineral Spirits	Medium	Brown	Brown	Brown									
Turpentine	Medium	Green	Green	Green									
VM & P Naphtha	Fast	Light Green		Light Green									
Lacquer Thinner	Fast				Blue	Blue							
Denatured Alcohol	Fast						Orange						
Acetone	Very Fast							Red	Red	Red			
MEK	Fast					Pink		Pink	Pink	Pink			
Xylene	Fast					Light Blue		Light Blue			Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Japan Drier	Very Fast	Pink		varnish									

Cleans

Fuel

Product	Dry Time	Dried latex Paint	Grease	Brushes & Rollers	Paint Sprayers	Tools	Metal	Glass	Marine Stove	Kerosene Heater	Comments
Linseed Oil	Very Slow										Classic wood finish
Paint Thinner	Medium		Yellow	Yellow		Yellow	Yellow				General Purpose Blend
Odorless Mineral Spirits	Medium		Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown				Extra refined to remove odor, residue
Turpentine	Medium		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green				Pure gum artist grade thinner
VM & P Naphtha	Fast		Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green				Excellent for spraying oil paint
Lacquer Thinner	Fast		Blue		Blue	Blue					Architectural coatings blend
Denatured Alcohol	Fast					Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange		Extremely pure
Acetone	Very Fast										Extremely pure
MEK	Fast	Pink									Slower dry time than acetone
Xylene	Fast						Light Blue				Toluene substitute
Japan Drier	Very Fast										Speeds dry time in low temp/humidity

