Installing and using *TopStop™*

1-Attach $TopStop^{TM}$ onto the roller handle so that the rubber tip of the stop rod is positioned about 1/8" beyond the roller material. Don't fully tighten mount yet. Depending on your handle design, you may need to adjust the $TopStop^{TM}$ 3 screws, and slide the assembly a little and set it to get the desired "exposure" to the roller.

2- Tighten* the three Phillips head screws of the bottom section onto the handle rod*.









USING Your *TopStop*™.

1- First using a regular method such as a brush, "cut in" the wall at the ceiling, doors, windows, etc., painting to a width of about 2" or wider. (3 to 4 fingers' width +/-).







- 2- With *TopStop™* installed, roll short vertical "W" strips/rows, *only* about 15-20" high at the top of the wall. 3- Paint a four or five foot wide area at a time, or much more, depending on your paint's characteristics.
- 3- Flip the stop rod and roll the remaining part of <u>that</u> <u>same section</u> from the top down.

check our website for videos and tips

Rolling general tip- The farther past the roller the tip is mounted, the wider the paint "cut in" must be.(Best results can be achieved with a short exposure 1/2"-3/4") patents pending FOR BEST FINISH- NO BI-DIRECTIONAL

STROKES, .ever- not just for TopStop™ painting

(just roll from the top down or bottom up- but <u>not both</u>, at least <u>for you final coat</u>... we like top down) <u>check our website for videos and tips</u>



 $TopStop^{TM}$ becomes part of your routine. In fact it doesn't break your stride- it preserves it. There is a slight technique adjustment, then you are good to fly!

-Does the stop rod get in the way when you "ink" the roller?

Not with a standard roller tray, The rod clears the rim of the tray nicely (however, $TopStop^{TM}$ isn't recommended for use with a roller screen in a five gallon pail).

-What about the stop rod hitting the wall on a full downstroke? The stop rod swings back like a kickstand allowing a regular downstroke. So, after about every 5 feet horizontal, you swing it back, and roll the wall below where you just were (When using with a pole hold the pole a little lower as you approach floor). Or just "TopStop" the perimeter and go around again with just the roller. -I use a special roller, will TopStop™ fit? Usually. The rod channel is 5/16+" wide and the TopStop™ can be attached at the middle or side. You can get it to do its job from several angles, and the screws will accommodate thinner roller handle rods from imports etc. We have an accessory that fits the wider aluminum handle rods, and one for mounting at a different angle on variant handle styles.

<u>-What about</u> grid or acoustical ceilings? We have an accessory for grid-type drop ceilings. <u>-Will TopStopTM rust?</u> In short, no. $TopStop^{TM}$ is made from plastics, stainless steel, and aluminum. However, It's a tool and should be air dried or wiped when washed.

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