

# Tackle mould in your home



## Optimising additives range – 1 Resene MoulDefender

Mould is a major cause of paint disfigurement. It destroys the paint's fresh, clean appearance and if left unchecked shortens the life of the paint film. Unless removed within a few months of its appearance, mould penetrates the body of the existing film and once firmly established, will grow through subsequent paint coatings, impairing adhesion and ruining the appearance of the paint work.

On painted surfaces mould looks like dirt and frequently the two cannot be visually distinguished. The most common species are black but others can be brown or green. By wetting the surface and rubbing, mould will show up as slime.

Most high quality paints contain a fungicide but its killing ability is finite and the mould will eventually take over. The only way to fix a mould problem permanently is to remove the source of moisture and/or provide adequate ventilation.

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Fungicidal washes, such as Resene Moss & Mould Killer, are extremely effective at killing mould with the added benefit of bleaching the moulds clean. They can be used as a cosmetic treatment to clean up mould-infested surfaces where providing adequate ventilation is not feasible and to sterilise old surfaces before repainting. However fungicidal washes have no residual effect so any ongoing effect must be provided by the paint itself or further maintenance.



While most high quality paints contain fungicide at a level designed to cope with average exposure, areas prone to mould may need extra protection. Resene MoulDefender is a fungicidal additive designed to be added to waterborne paint to inhibit the growth of mould. Suitable for use inside and out and ideal for wet areas such as kitchens, bathrooms and laundries, Resene MoulDefender will slow down the reappearance of mould.

Use Resene Moss & Mould Killer to kill mould and sterilise surfaces then paint with Resene waterborne paints dosed with Resene MoulDefender and inhibit future mould growth.

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