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Get that bare finish to your walls and floors while going green

Paint stripper that will help you – and the environment

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Health and ecological concerns when decorating may lead you to De-Solv-It Great Strip Paint Stripper, which lets you remove paint in a more environmentally friendly way than solvent solutions.

We put it to the test against two more typical paint-stripping options – Nitromors Paint and Varnish Remover and Langlow Peel Away Paint Removal System. The Peel Away system was the most cumbersome to use and it discoloured the wood from which we removed paint. Our overall view was that De-Solv-It beat it hands down.

De-Solv-It is a gel, which is easy to apply with a brush and doesn't drip. After 60 minutes it strips gloss and emulsion paint well and we removed three layers of paint easily using a scraper. In most cases a second application was required in patches to effectively remove multiple layers of paint.

Nitromors and De-Solv-It performed the same with gloss but Nitromors was slightly better with emulsion and textured paint. Overall, Nitromors was the most consistent performer and relatively easy to apply, taking 40 minutes to work. But it requires its recommended two applications. One litre will strip two to three square metres.



De-Solv-It offers a non-corrosive solution to the problem of stripping paint

With all three products tested you'll need to wash down and sand the surface you are stripping to obtain a bare wood finish suitable for varnishing. And don't forget that protective clothing, gloves and eye protection are recommended.

De-Solv-It is £8 for 400ml, which will strip two square metres, or £13 for a litre, from www.desolvit.co.uk

VERDICT If you're concerned about your health, De-Solv-It is worth considering. It is non-corrosive and has low odour.