



Oil Ground Maintenance Tips

Gamblin Oil Ground is a thick, fast-drying primer. To reduce skinning over in the can, we apply a temporary wax paper seal to the surface of the ground when it is produced. However, because Oil Ground is made with fast-drying alkyd resin binder and contains a high pigment load, it may form a surface skin over time. The following steps explain how to easily remove a surface skin and maintain the ground each time the can is opened for use. Oil Ground may be modified by adding Gamsol if a slightly thinner consistency is desired.



1. Use a sharp knife to cut cleanly around the perimeter of the skin. Remove the skin & reclaim usable soft Oil Ground from the underside. Allow the skin to dry out and later dispose of in studio garbage.



2. Oil Ground is made purposefully thick, but it can be thinned with a small amount of Gamsol if desired.



3. Add *up to* 1oz. of Gamsol per 32oz of Ground. Stir until the added Gamsol is thoroughly mixed into the ground and its consistency is thick but creamy.



4. After each use, level out the ground and drizzle a thin layer of Gamsol on the surface.



5. Using the can lid as a template, cut a circle out of a freezer grade plastic bag.



6. Lay the plastic circle onto the Oil Ground and remove any air by smoothing out with a gloved finger. Seal the lid tightly with a mallet. Store upright in a cool, dry place.