

Sheen Terminology

Bausman Sheen	Level 0-100	Description	Uses and Recommendations
High Gloss	90 sheen	This is a High Gloss lacquer. We do not rub it out with steel wool.	We do not recommend this sheen as it looks cheap and plastic.
High Polish		This is our regular semi-gloss lacquer. After it is dry we wet sand it and then buff it up to a high sheen with a buffing wheel and rubbing compound.	This looks great on formal looking pieces such as our 3800 series.
Semi-Gloss	30-35 Sheen	This is our standard sheen. Tavern finishes are rubbed out with steel wool to a higher sheen than standard Bausman finishes.	We call our lacquer semi-gloss though typically a semi-gloss is between a 40-60 sheen. Though we spray 30-35 sheen the gloss can be increased by the rubbing out process. Often referred to as "Satin" though satin may be considered between 20-25 sheen.
Dull Rub	02 Sheen rubbed out	Because we hand rub out our finishes with steel wool and wax, we can increase the sheen. We found that by rubbing out a 02 matte lacquer we can achieve a sheen that may be considered around 20. This falls between our standard lacquer and matte (Dead Flat)	This is a very nice look for country pieces. And often painted finishes.
Matte	02 Sheen	This is often referred to as "Dead Flat"	We do not recommend this in most cases as the flattening agent in the lacquer produces a cloudy plastic looking finish when left un-rubbed.