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**ACE PAINT HONORED WITH *GOOD HOUSEKEEPING*
SEAL OF APPROVAL**

Ace Paint, a division and brand of Ace Hardware Corp., now will decorate its paint cans with the *Good Housekeeping* Seal of Approval. The *Good Housekeeping* Institute recently recognized Ace Paint as a superior paint product.

“This acknowledgement showcases our commitment to providing customers with exceptional service and quality paint products,” said Dick Bristol, director of the Ace Paint Division. “We are very honored to be recognized by one of the most admired consumer confidence emblems in America.”

Ace Paint, Ace’s premium line of paint, includes an extensive selection of ready-mix colors, as well as thousands of additional colors from which to choose. The paint contains the highest quality raw materials and features one-coat coverage, washability and 15-year durability.

The Ace Paint Division services Ace retailers domestically and internationally, and has exclusively manufactured more than 1,000 SKUs out of two locations in Matteson and Chicago Heights, Ill., since 1984. Combined, the two plants have an annual production capacity of 20 million gallons.

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For more than 100 years, the *Good Housekeeping* Institute has been an active source of consumer education and product evaluation. Within its departments of engineering, chemistry, home care, food appliances, nutrition, beauty, and textiles, the Institute has dedicated teams of professionals whose expertise covers a full range of consumer goods and services.

Founded in 1924 and headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace Hardware Corporation is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative in the industry. Ace's 5,000 independent hardware, home center, lumber and building materials retailers in all 50 states and 72 countries have annual retail sales that exceed \$13 billion. Ace currently operates 16 distribution centers in North America. More information on Ace can be found at www.acehardware.com.

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