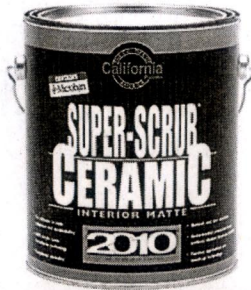


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Dampness breeds mold

Any moist surface is a breeding ground for mold. The best way to avoid mold trouble is to control household moisture with proper air circulation and by quickly repairing any leaks, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Allergies and other health concerns have been linked to household mold, and several companies have introduced paints with Microban, an EPA-registered additive created to prevent growth of mold, bacteria and fungus. California Paints offers a scrubbable, anti-microbial acrylic paint for interiors (call 800-225-1141 or visit www.californiapaints.com to locate dealers). DAP offers its waterproof Kwik Seal Plus to fight mold and mildew in basements (800-327-3339, www.dap.com).

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