

I want to start a new section of my Superintendent's Report each month dedicated to tips that could help our new modelers and maybe some that our old pros will pick up something they can use. This month I want to talk about paint, old and new. Paint has become an expensive necessity of our hobby. Nothing worse than opening an old jar of paint to find it has dried up. Before you throw it out consider rejuvenating it. To do this add thinner equal to about a quarter of the amount of the dried paint. Replace the lid tightly and allow it to set a few days. You should be able to take a stir of some type and begin to stir the mixture. It may take a little work but you should be left with some usable paint. You can even add a little more thinner and let it set another day. For this to work you need about a quarter of a bottle of paint or more. Another tip I have is for a new bottle of paint. We have all taken the new bottle and shaken it but it doesn't completely mix. You can purchase a battery operated mixer or you can add BB's to the paint and then shake it. Acts much like a spray can when you shake the bottle. Hope this helps with any old or new paint, to stretch your paint.