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Model: VAL754

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Vallejo Model Color 70754 Continental Blue is an acrylic paint specifically formulated for brush-on application in model painting. This 18ml bottle contains a highly pigmented, water-based acrylic color designed for miniature figures, models, and dioramas. Model Color paints are known for their excellent coverage, smooth application, and matte finish. They are non-toxic and non-flammable, making them suitable for various hobby applications.



Image 1.1: Vallejo Model Color 70754 Continental Blue 18ml bottle. This image displays the product packaging, a dark blue bottle with a black dropper cap, featuring the Vallejo Model Color logo and the color name "Continental Blue" along with the code "70.754".

2. SETUP AND PREPARATION

Proper preparation ensures optimal paint performance and results.

2.1 Shaking the Bottle

Before each use, shake the paint bottle thoroughly for at least 30 seconds to ensure the pigments are evenly mixed. The

dropper cap design allows for precise dispensing without introducing air or contaminants.

2.2 Surface Preparation

Ensure the surface to be painted is clean, dry, and free of dust, grease, or mold release agents. Priming the surface with a suitable primer (e.g., Vallejo Surface Primer) is recommended for better adhesion and durability of the paint layers.

2.3 Workspace

Work in a well-ventilated area. Protect your workspace with a mat or newspaper to prevent accidental spills. Have a clean water pot for rinsing brushes and a palette for mixing paints.

3. OPERATING (APPLICATION)

Vallejo Model Color paints are designed for brush application but can be thinned for airbrush use.

3.1 Brush Application

1. **Dispense Paint:** Squeeze a small amount of paint onto a palette.
2. **Thinning (Optional):** For smoother application and to avoid brush marks, thin the paint with a few drops of water or Vallejo Thinner Medium. Start with a 1:1 ratio of paint to thinner and adjust as needed. The consistency should be similar to milk.
3. **Apply Thin Coats:** Apply paint in thin, even coats. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying the next. Multiple thin coats will provide better coverage and a smoother finish than one thick coat.
4. **Drying Time:** Model Color paints typically dry to the touch within minutes, but allow at least 20-30 minutes between coats for full adhesion.

3.2 Airbrush Application

While primarily for brush, Model Color can be airbrushed with proper thinning.

- **Thinning:** Thin the paint significantly with Vallejo Airbrush Thinner (recommended) or water. A ratio of 1 part paint to 2-3 parts thinner is a good starting point. Test on a scrap surface.
- **Pressure:** Use an airbrush pressure between 15-20 PSI (1-1.4 bar).
- **Application:** Apply in light, even passes to build up color gradually.

4. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

4.1 Cleaning Tools

- **Brushes:** Clean brushes immediately after use with water and mild soap. Reshape the bristles and allow them to dry completely.
- **Airbrush:** Thoroughly clean your airbrush after each session using Vallejo Airbrush Cleaner or water. Disassemble and clean components as per your airbrush manufacturer's instructions.

4.2 Paint Storage

- **Temperature:** Store paint bottles in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Sealing:** Ensure the dropper cap is tightly sealed after each use to prevent the paint from drying out.
- **Shelf Life:** When stored correctly, Vallejo Model Color paints have a long shelf life. If paint appears thick or separated, shake vigorously. If it remains unusable, it may have expired or dried out.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Paint is too thick/clogging:**

Ensure the bottle is thoroughly shaken. Thin the paint with water or Vallejo Thinner Medium. For airbrushing, use Vallejo Airbrush Thinner and ensure proper thinning ratios.

- **Poor coverage/streaky finish:**

Apply paint in multiple thin coats rather than one thick coat. Ensure the surface is properly primed. Allow each coat to dry completely before applying the next.

- **Paint drying too fast on brush/palette:**

Work in a cooler, less arid environment. Use a wet palette to keep paints moist for longer. Add a drop of Vallejo Flow Improver or Retarder to the paint mixture.

- **Paint peeling/poor adhesion:**

Ensure the surface was clean and free of contaminants before painting. Priming the surface is crucial for optimal adhesion, especially on plastics or metals.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Product Name	Vallejo Model Color 70754 Continental Blue
Brand	Vallejo
Model Number	VAL754 (70754)
Volume	18ml
Type	Acrylic Paint (Water-based)
Finish	Matte
Product Dimensions	3.15 x 1.06 x 1.06 inches
Item Weight	1.06 ounces
Manufacturer	AV Vallejo

7. SAFETY INFORMATION

Vallejo Model Color paints are non-toxic and non-flammable. However, it is always recommended to follow general safety precautions:

- Keep out of reach of children.
- Avoid ingestion. In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice.
- Avoid prolonged skin contact. Wash hands thoroughly after use.
- Use in a well-ventilated area.

8. FURTHER SUPPORT

For additional information, product tutorials, or to explore the full range of Vallejo products, please visit the official Vallejo website or contact their customer support.

Visit the Vallejo Store on Amazon



