WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A primer coating composition comprising:

(a) a (meth)acrylic polymer comprising hydroxyl groups, and having a Tg of at least 30°C;

(b) a polyester comprising hydroxyl groups, and having a weight average molecular weight of less than 3000, and a hydroxyl value of at least 100; and

(c) a crosslinking agent having at least two isocyanate groups.

2. The primer coating composition of claim 1 wherein said (meth)acrylic polymer has a Tg of from 30°C to 100°C.

3. The primer coating composition of claim 2 wherein said (meth)acrylic polymer has a Tg of from 40°C to 90°C.

4. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein said (meth)acrylic polymer has a hydroxyl value of from 15 to 100, and a weight average molecular weight of from 5,000 to 25,000.

5. The primer coating composition of claim 1 wherein said (meth)acrylic polymer comprises residues of a high Tg (meth)acrylate monomer chosen from methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, iso-butyl methacrylate, sec-butyl methacrylate, t-butyl acrylate, t-butyl methacrylate, cyclohexyl methacrylate, isobornyl acrylate, isobornyl methacrylate, tetramethyl cyclohexyl methacrylate, and combinations thereof.

6. The primer coating composition of claim 5 wherein said (meth)acrylic polymer is substantially free of aromatic groups.

7. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein said polyester has a weight average molecular weight of from 500 to less than 3,000, and a hydroxyl value of from 100 to 300.

8. The primer coating composition of claim 7 wherein said polyester has a weight average molecular weight of from 800 to 2,000, and a hydroxyl value of from 120 to 250.

9. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein said polyester is an aliphatic polyester.

10. The primer coating composition of claim 9 wherein said polyester comprises residues of at least one polyol having at least two hydroxyl groups.

11. The primer coating composition of claim 10 wherein each polyol has at least three hydroxyl groups.

12. The primer coating composition of claim 11 wherein said polyester comprises residues of at least one cyclic carboxylic acid ester.

13. The primer coating composition of claim 9 wherein said polyester consists essentially of,

residues of at least one polyol having three hydroxyl groups, and

residues of at least one cyclic carboxylic acid ester.

14. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 13 wherein said crosslinking agent comprises an aliphatic crosslinking agent.

15. The primer coating composition of claim 14 wherein said crosslinking agent comprises at least one isocyanurate adduct of an aliphatic diisocyanate.

16. The primer coating composition of claim 15 wherein said aliphatic diisocyanate is chosen from 1,4-tetramethylene diisocyanate, 1,6-hexamethylene diisocyanate, 1,4-cyclohexyl diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate, 4,4'-methylene-bis(cyclohexyl isocyanate), and combinations thereof.

17. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 16 wherein,

said (meth)acrylic polymer is present in said primer composition in an amount of from 50 percent by weight to 96 percent by weight, based on solids weight of said (meth)acrylic polymer and said polyester, and

said polyester is present in said primer composition in an amount of from 4 percent by weight to 50 percent by weight, based on solids weight of said (meth)acrylic polymer and said polyester.

18. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 17 wherein said primer coating composition has an equivalent ratio of isocyanate groups to hydroxyl groups of from 0.5 : 1 to 1.8 : 1.

19. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 17 wherein said primer coating composition has an equivalent ratio of isocyanate groups to hydroxyl groups of from 0.6 : 1 to 1.6 : 1.

20. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 17 wherein said primer coating composition has an equivalent ratio of isocyanate groups to hydroxyl groups of from 0.8 : 1 to 1.3 : 1.

21. The primer coating composition of any one of claims 1 to 20 wherein said primer coating composition comprises at least one pigment.

22. A coated article comprising:

(a) a substrate comprising a coated area comprising a first coating, and a repaired area, wherein said repaired area resides within said coated area;

(b) a primer layer residing within said repaired area, wherein said primer layer is formed from a primer coating composition comprising:

(i) a (meth)acrylic polymer comprising hydroxyl groups, and having a Tg of at least 30°C,

(ii) a polyester comprising hydroxyl groups, and having a weight average molecular weight of less than 3000, and a hydroxyl value of at least 100, and

(iii) a crosslinking agent having at least two isocyanate groups; and

(c) at least one second coating residing over said primer layer, said first coating and said second coating being substantially flush with each other.

23. The coated article of claim 22 wherein said coated article is substantially free of visually observable ringing defects in said second coating.