



**ExpressPaint**

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Automotive Touch up Paint

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## **TOUCH-UP PEN AND BOTTLE INSTRUCTIONS**

### **SURFACE PREPARATION:**

1. Wash surface area to be painted with soap and water. Rinse thoroughly.
2. Clean surface with Wax & Grease Remover (ExpressPaint sku#: WIPE). Use a clean, lint-free towel and wipe in one direction only. Rinse with water and allow to dry.
3. Use 600 grit sandpaper, when using for larger spot repairs, sand until repair area is smooth and all gloss from existing finish has been removed. When using for small spot repair use 1000 grit to lightly sand the area smooth. Wipe off sanding dust.
4. Use Wax & Grease Remover (ExpressPaint sku#: WIPE) another time as described in step 2.
  - a. If repair area is down to bare metal or plastic, now apply primer following the instructions on the primer container.
  - b. If repair area does not need primer, then proceed to "Painting Instructions".

### **PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. **\*\* VERY IMPORTANT \*\* DO A "TEST PANEL". Always test color with a test panel before painting.**  
A test panel is a way for you to test the color before you proceed. You can test the coverage, the dry time, and the **color accuracy**. Paint gets darker with each coat, so this is where you determine how many coats to apply also. Compare the test panel to the color you are trying to achieve in the direct sunlight to determine if the color is a proper match. **Do not proceed to the next step until your test panel is complete and the color on the test panel is the color you desire.** We have provided a sprayout card for this purpose, or a scrap piece of metal works well.

#### **Make sure to shake the paint thoroughly.**

**Pen product:** Depress tip to start paint flowing. Do not hold tip in for extended period of time. Just get some paint on the tip and proceed with touch-up. Do not depress tip while performing actual touch-up procedure; paint can run quickly out of the pen causing damage to the vehicle. **Jar product:** Using light strokes when applying the paint, because this may cause it to appear darker.

Do not try to "fill in" missing chunks of your piece from crash damage by laying down too many coats of paint. This will make the color too dark. To do the job right, you'll need our Plastic Repair Kit (CR-2513).

2. **3-STAGE COLORS (BASE/MID OR TOP COAT/CLEARCOAT)**
  - a. If your color is a 3-stage color, (base, top or mid-coat, clearcoat) apply one even, wet coat of the base. Allow to dry for 5-10 minutes. Apply a second coat in the same manor. Allow to dry for 5-10 minutes. Inspect painted area to be certain paint is even and has thorough coverage.
  - b. Using your sprayout or test panel as a guide to the required amount of coats, apply light even coats of the mid or top coat waiting 5-10 minutes between coats. Once desired color is achieved, do not add any additional coats.
  - c. Allow paint to dry for 30-60 minutes before performing step 5.
3. **2-STAGE COLORS (COLORCOAT/CLEARCOAT) → (Most of colors are 2-stage)**
  - a. Apply one even, wet coat of the colorcoat. Allow to dry for 5-10 minutes. Apply a second coat following the same procedure.
  - b. Inspect area to see if paint is applied evenly and thoroughly. Apply additional coats as needed using your sprayout or test panel as a guide to achieve desired color.
  - c. Allow paint to dry for 30-60 minutes before performing step 5.
4. **2-STAGE COLORS (LOW-GLOSS MATTE FINISHES/CLEARCOAT) → (Common among vintage vehicles)**
  - a. Apply one even, wet coat of the colorcoat. Allow to dry for 5-10 minutes. Apply a second coat following the same procedure.
  - b. Inspect area to see if paint is applied evenly and thoroughly. Apply additional coats as needed using your sprayout or test panel as a guide to achieve desired color.
  - c. Allow paint to dry for 30-60 minutes before performing step 5.
5. Apply one even, wet coat of the appropriate clearcoat - TFCC-1 (pen) or TSJclear (jar) for gloss colors to the painted area. Allow to dry for 5-10 minutes. Apply a second wet, even coat and let dry. Read "Clearcoat" instructions on back of this page.

- Do not sand between colorcoats or before clearcoat.
- Wetsanding, polishing, waxing, and buffing can be performed 5 days after paintjob has been completed.
- If paint looks dull or hazy after final clearcoat, there may be a slight amount of moisture causing the dullness. After clearcoat is thoroughly dry (5+ days), polishing or buffing compound will restore the gloss.
- **Read all instructions completely and if you have any questions please call us before painting!!**