

# HOW TO USE COLORBOND AUTO TOUCH UP



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This SOP provides step-by-step instructions for repairing and refinishing small automotive surface scratches, chips and other imperfections using ColorBond Auto Touch Up aerosol. When performed correctly, this process delivers a seamless, factory-quality finish in your vehicle's exact OEM color.

## Required Materials

- ColorBond Auto Touch Up (OEM-matched color)
- Seymour 2K Clear Coat aerosol 16-9000
- ColorBond High Build Automotive Primer (aerosol)
- 400, 1000, 1500, and 2500 grit sandpaper
- Masking tape and masking paper & plastic
- Isopropyl alcohol and clean microfiber cloths
- Buffing compounds (light, medium, and finishing)
- Polishing pad and buffer

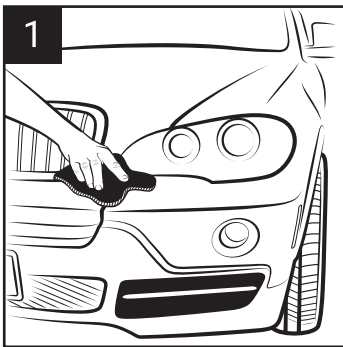
## Safety Equipment (PPE):

- Respirator or paint mask
- Nitrile gloves
- Safety glasses

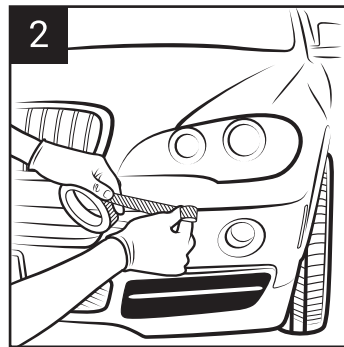
## Notes & Best Practices

- Always spray in a well-ventilated area and wear PPE.
- Lighter coats reduce runs and overspray.
- Blend beyond the immediate repair area to ensure an invisible transition.
- The curing process is critical—avoid washing or waxing the repaired area for 30 days.

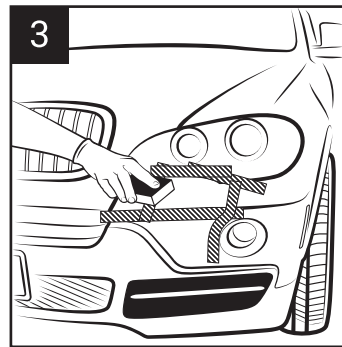
## Procedure



1 Clean the damaged area thoroughly with a degreaser followed by isopropyl alcohol and a microfiber cloth to remove dirt, grease, and wax.

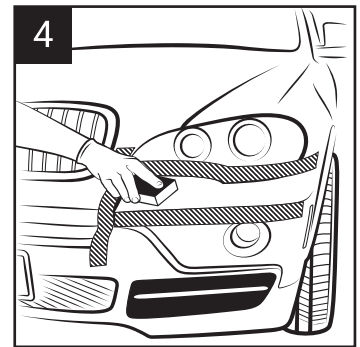


2 Apply tape for sanding around the damaged area. This tape will control how much is sanded. Tape off the sanding area to be a few inches larger around the damage you're repairing.



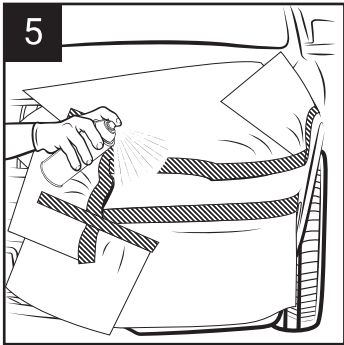
3 Wet sand the taped off area with 400 grit sandpaper until the surface is smooth and the repair area's paint edges are feathered or cloudy. For metallic paint, start with 600 grit sandpaper.

(Wet sanding reduces dust, prevents deep scratches, and creates an even surface for primer adhesion.)

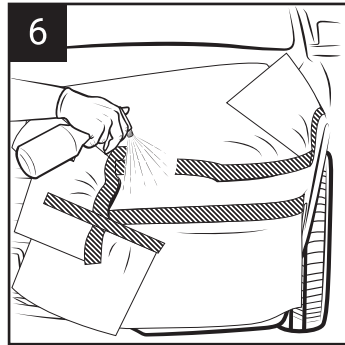


4 Remove temporary tape and re-mask the area, this time allowing for a larger blending zone. Lightly wet sand the larger area around the repair with 1000 grit to smooth transitions into surrounding clear coat.

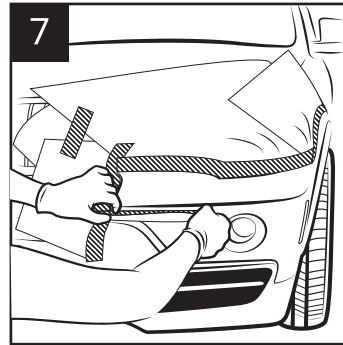
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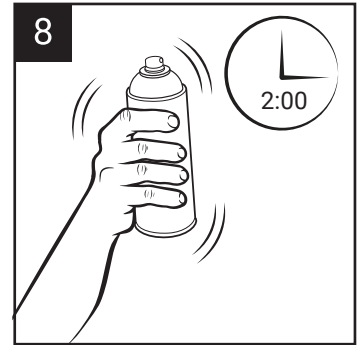
**[Primer is only necessary if the raw substrate is exposed.]** Mask off the area tightly for primer application. Shake the primer can thoroughly. Apply 2–3 light coats, holding the can 6–8 inches from the surface. Allow a few minutes of flash time between coats.



Wipe with isopropyl alcohol and apply one additional light coat of primer if needed. (When repairing deeper chips and more dramatic damage: allow the primer to dry for 1 hour and sand the primed area lightly with 1000 grit until smooth.)



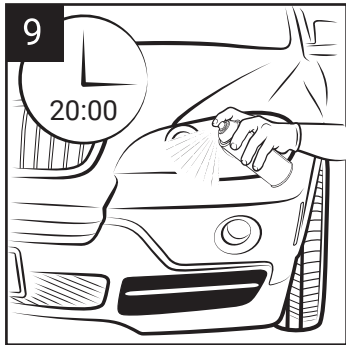
Apply final masking for the color coat. Bend tape edges slightly upward to avoid creating hard paint lines.



Shake the ColorBond Auto Touch Up Spray can for at least 2 minutes. Apply several light coats, allowing 10 minutes dry time between coats. Build coverage gradually to achieve full color match. Apply more coats if necessary for complete coverage.

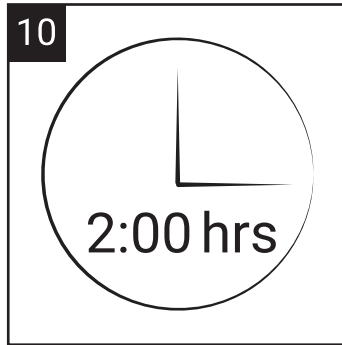
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## 1K Clear Coat Application



After 20 minutes from the final color coat, apply Seymour PBE Professional-Grade 1K Clear Coat 20-1690.

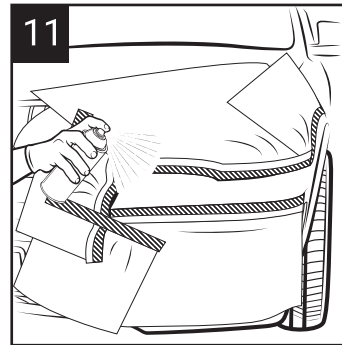
For a high-gloss finish, apply 2 light coats, followed by a final heavy even wet coat. The look of the final coat when wet, will look the same when dry. Avoid misting this coat.



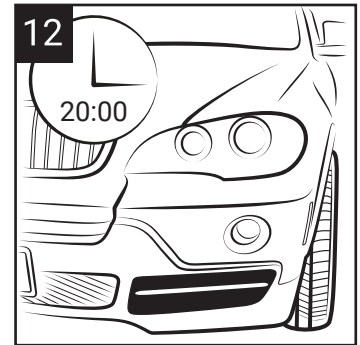
Expect the surface to be dry to the touch in 15 minutes and fully cured in about 2 hours. 1K Clear Coat is designed to deliver a smooth, glossy finish directly from the can.

**Wet sanding and machine buffing are not recommended**, as 1K coatings are softer than 2K systems.

## 2K Clear Coat Application



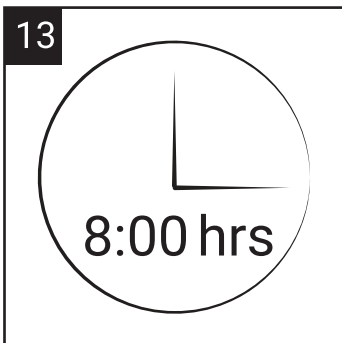
After 20 minutes from the final color coat, apply Seymour 2K Clear Coat 16-9000. Spray 2 light coats, waiting about 10 minutes between each coat. Then, finish with one medium-wet coat for a glossy, durable finish.



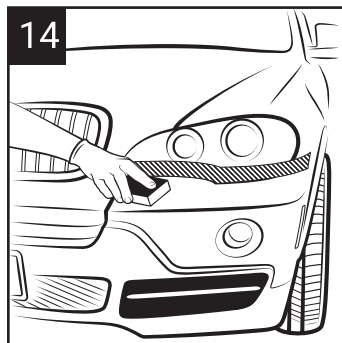
Allow to dry 20 minutes, then carefully remove masking tape and paper.

To estimate dry times, factor in temperature and humidity: Optimum application at 64° F - 77° F and a relative humidity from 40 - 60%. Expect the surface to be dust-free in about 20 minutes and ready for buffing in 8-24 hours.

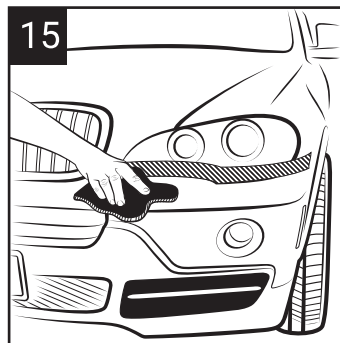
## 2K Clear Coat Finishing and Buffing



Allow the repair to cure for at least 8 hours.



Wet sand the clear coat using **1000 grit → 1500 grit → 2500 grit** in sequence. Keep the surface lubricated with water during sanding.



Polish the area using three stages of buffing compound (heavy, medium, finishing). Continue buffing until the finish blends seamlessly with the surrounding paint.