

Gelcoat Finishing for Lighter OEM Colors

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Cleaning

Clean the gelcoat surface to remove any contaminants or debris. Follow by a cleaner to remove stubborn marks, spots, and stains. Wipe dry using 3M™ Perfect-It™ Detailing Cloth.

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Sanding

Sand gelcoat surface, beginning with the least-aggressive grit possible, on a dual-action sander. For larger repair areas, abrade the surface with a 50% overlap on each pass with the sander. Use the following abrasive grit sequence (begin where applicable): 320, 500, 800, 1000. Use a soft interface pad when sanding with the 800 & 1000 grit abrasives. Clean the surface between each sanding step.

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Buffing

Buff the 800+ grit sand scratch with 3M™ Perfect-It™ Gelcoat Heavy Cutting Compound and a Perfect-It™ Wool Compounding pad. Set the buffer speed between 1200–2000 Max. RPM. Clean any extra compound off surface with 3M™ Perfect-It™ Detailing Cloth. If final sanding step is 1500 or above, use 3M™ Perfect-It™ Compound + Polish to reduce compound and polish time.

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Polishing (Optional)

Polish the gelcoat surface area with 3M™ Perfect-It™ Compound + Polish and with a 9 in. 3M™ Perfect-It™ Wool Blend Polishing Pad. Set the buffer speed between 1200 – 2000 Max. RPM. Clean any extra polish with 3M™ Perfect-It™ Detailing Cloth.

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Product List

3M Perfect-It Detailing Cloth, PN 06016



3M™ Hookit™ Film Disc 360L Sanding Disc, 5 in, No Hole, 320 grit, PN 01707

3M™ Hookit™ Film Disc 360L Sanding Disc, 5 in, No Hole, 500 grit, PN 01709



3M™ Hookit™ Film Disc 360L Sanding Disc, 5 in, No Hole, 800 grit, PN 01711

3M™ Hookit™ Film Disc 360L Sanding Disc, 5 in, No Hole, 1000 grit, PN 01712

3M™ Perfect-It™ Gelcoat Heavy Cutting Compound, PN 36102



3M™ Perfect-It™ Wool Compounding Pad 9", PN 05753

3M™ Quick Connect Adaptor, 05752, 5/8 in. thread



3M™ Perfect-It™ Compound + Polish, PN 30344

3M™ Perfect-It™ Wool Blend Polishing Pad, Yellow, 9 in, PN 05754



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3M™ E-A-R™ Skull Screws™ Ear Plug, PN P1300



3M™ Half Facepiece Respirator, PN 07182



3M™ Virtua™ CCS Protective Eyewear with Foam Gasket, PN 11872



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