



3M Paint Prep & Refinish Training

The best-trained teams deliver the best results.

Course Description:

A 3-day technician training program focusing on foundational paint preparation and refinish processes which underpin the quality standards required to restore a collision-damaged vehicle back to an acceptable state of appearance and longevity.

3M instructors will lead attendees through the course primarily using practical “hands-on” sessions that reinforce and demonstrate key concepts, supported by occasional classroom theory and discussion. Throughout the training, attendees will be instructed in the “WHY” behind modern prep and refinish methods so that they can absorb and retain practices that may vary from the way things have been done “for the last 30 years.”

When you complete courses offered by 3M, you earn credits toward knowledge areas and training requirements for the I-CAR Gold Class® Shop and Platinum® Individual designation programs.

Who should attend:

Experienced apprentice/entry-level technicians who desire a solid understanding of paint preparation and refinish processes.

Why should my shop attend?

- Develop your detailers into paint preppers, and your paint preppers into painters.
- Support the professional development of your technicians with I-CAR® Industry Training Alliance® credit.
- Increase technicians' satisfaction in an increasingly competitive environment.



Training Topics:

The course will cover 3M-developed best practices supported by OEM Repair documentation in the areas of:

- Feather, Prime, and Block
- Primer Application
- Surface Preparation Processes
- Masking
- Undercoat & Texture Selection and Application
- Color Selection, Tinting, and Application
- Paint Booth Optimization
- Spray Gun Set-Up
- Spot Repair & Blending Techniques
- Paint Finishing
- Quality Control

Included in the Course Fee:

- 3 days of practical “Hands-On” training with supplemental classroom discussion
- Training and Reference Materials
- Take-Home Project Panels
- Daily Lunch & Snacks
- Daily Transportation between the recommended hotel and the training facility
- I-CAR® Industry Training Alliance® Credit (Pending I-CAR Approval)

Note: Attendees responsible for expenses outside of course fee, including items such as transport to St. Paul (e.g., air, taxis), hotel, and meals outside of training hours.

I-CAR® Industry Training Alliance® Credit: Refinish Technician (Pending Approval)

ProLevel 1	ProLevel 2	ProLevel 3
Perform surface preparation for refinishing Apply overspray protection Examine spray gun set-up	Perform color coat mixing and tinting Discuss finish application Perform sanding, buffing, and polishing	Application of color theory Identify and remove refinish defects



“The 3M hands-on training was vital to my learning. Gaining the experience of spraying in an actual paint booth was the best way to learn.”

Ryan Aufmuth, Technician at Referral Collision

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