

How to Fix Paint Chips or Large Scratches on a Car

How to fix large paint chips or scratches on your car and repaint small sections of your car to prevent rust.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is for people who do not have the time or money to get their car professionally painted. It is also for the people who prefer do-it-yourself repair jobs.

It is best to work in dry non-windy conditions such as in your garage or when its sunny outside with no chance of rain.



TOOLS:

• Paper Towels (2)

1 wet, and 1 dry

Masking Tape (1)

roll

Sandpaper 100 Grit (1)

any coarse grit

sandpaper 220 grit (1)

any fine grit

Dupli-Color Perfect Match Automotive Primer

(1)

Scratch Filler Primer

Dupli-Color Perfect Match Automotive Paint

(1)

Original CHRYSLER colors Paint

in a color that matches the original paint

Dupli-Color Perfect Match Automotive

Protective Clear Coat (1)

Step 1 — How to Fix Paint Chips or Large Scratches on a Car



 Wipe down the area of the paint chip or scratch with a damp papertowel.

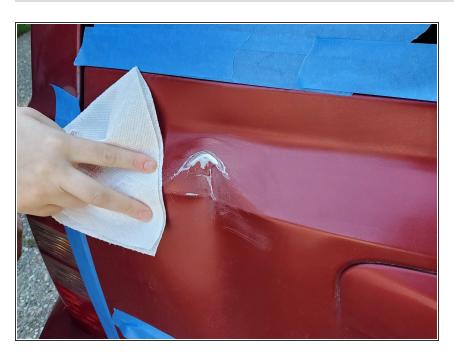


- Place tape around anything you do not want to get paint on.
 - *i* e.g. windows, taillights/headlights, metal decals, license plates, etc.



- Sand down the paint chip or scratch, including the immediate surrounding area.
 - Start with a coarse grain.
 - Then move to a fine grain to remove any sharp edges.
 - Don't sand too far out around the area. The goal of using sandpaper is to reduce any edges to prevent rusting underneath the paint, and to create a surface that the primer will stick to.

Step 4



 Wipe down the area with a dry papertowel to remove debris.



- Spray the primer all over the area that was sanded. Use small strokes and spray the primer around the area.
- Wait 10 minutes or until it feels dry when touched.
- Add another layer or two if you can still see the edge of the paint chip or scratch.
 - i The goal is to fill in the scratch or chip with primer to prevent rust.
- Let it dry for 15-20 minutes before moving to the next step.

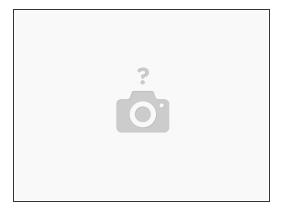


- Spray on a coat of colored paint.
 Use small strokes and spray the paint around the area.
 - Spraying at least 6 inches (no more than 10 inches) away from the surface will prevent paint from dripping.
 - Paint drips can be removed by gently dabbing them with a dry paper towel.
- Allow to dry.
 - i Drying time takes at least 10 minutes per coat of paint.
- Continue adding coats and drying in between until primer cannot be seen through the paint.



- Spray on the clear protective coat.

 Use small strokes and spray the clear coat around the area.
- Allow to dry for 10 minutes or until the area feels dry when touched.
- Add at least 3 more coats, allowing each coat to dry in between.
 - The clear coat helps prevent rust and adds a refective texture that helps the paint job blend in.



- Remove masking tape from the car when finished.
- if you accidentally got paint on your windows, it will come off if you scratch it with a flat razor.