



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)
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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.

Step 2



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

Step 3



- 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.

Step 5



- 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.
 - ⓘ 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.

Step 6



- 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.
- ⓘ 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.

Step 7



- 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 reflective texture that helps the paint job blend in.

Step 8



- 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.