



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CERAMIC COATING REMOVAL

Ceramic protective coatings, a popular aftermarket paint treatment, are utilized to improve the durability of the automotive OEM finish and make the vehicle easier to keep clean. Ceramic coating treatments are provided in a wide range of film builds. It is not easy to detect when a vehicle has a ceramic coating on it. Repair facilities should check with the customer, look for a sticker on the vehicle, and/or test the area to be refinished by machine buffing a small area of the panels to be repaired with heavy duty compound and a wool pad to determine the presence of a ceramic coating.

To refinish the vehicle properly, these coatings must be removed prior to paint preparation. Extra labor and materials are required to effectively prepare and deliver a quality repair on a vehicle treated with a ceramic coating.

It is important that the process used to remove any ceramic coating preserves any blend panels integrity for a seamless repair.

The process Axalta recommends is as follows:

1. Emblems, moldings, and decals should be removed from the panels to be refinished.
2. Machine buff the panels being refinished with heavy duty compound and a wool pad.
3. Follow the recommended standard cleaning and sanding preparation processes according to the refinishing requirements of the repair panel.

Axalta Coating Systems offers products with approved and specified repair processes that are together designed specifically for automotive refinishing. It is critical to the quality of the repair to use the recommended products following the approved processes outlined in Axalta's Technical Data Sheets.

Please visit the Axalta Coating Systems website for full details regarding warranted systems and their related procedures. In the event there are additional questions or additional information needs, please do not hesitate to contact your local Axalta Coatings Systems representative or call us at +1-855-6-AXALTA (1-855-629-2582).