



Recommendations for Finishing E-coated Replacement Sheet Metal Parts

Axalta Coating Systems does not recommend the use of topcoat direct to electrocoat (e-coat). Application of primer surfacers or primer sealers are required on new body panels to help protect the e-coat layer from degradation due to exposure to UV light.

OEM and aftermarket automotive sheet metal manufacturers supply parts finished in e-coat. The e-coat resins are susceptible to photo degradation when ultraviolet light penetrates through the topcoat layers. This can cause chalking of the e-coat, and it can result in peeling of the finish. The application of a primer layer prevents light from reaching the e-coat. It is essential for long term durability to keep the e-coat layer completely "in the dark" by applying a colored primer over the top.

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).