



Recommendations for Application of Vinyl Overlays on New Painted Surfaces

Axalta Coating Systems offers products that are applied and may need application of vinyl overlays on new painted surfaces. Vinyl overlays are used for various decorative or protective applications in the automotive industry. They range in thickness from 1 mil to 4 mils and vary in material quality. As overlays are removed, they must be replaced after a vehicle has been refinished, but not before the residual solvents have completely evaporated out of the paint film. Air bubbles and delaminating can result if the overlay is applied too soon because tail solvents may push off or bubble the overlay. Axalta recommends the following general guidelines:

- If the overlay is 1/4 inch or smaller (i.e. pin striping tape), the overlay can be applied in 24 - 48 hours after bake or air dry
- Overlays between 1/4 - 1 inch can be applied in 72 hours after bake or air dry
- Full panel or very large overlays can be applied in minimum 30 - 90 days after painting, depending upon temperature, film thickness, etc.

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).