

Base Coat Painting Instructions

Follow these Xtreme 9000 Finishes Instructions for the best results.

OUR PRODUCT IS SO UNIQUE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDLESS OF YOUR PAINTER SKILL LEVEL OR EXPERIENCE!

Xtreme Base Coat is a high quality blend of the best urethane raw materials available under current Federal regulations meeting the 4.3 VOC levels. Xtreme base coats have almost twice the solids content of any of the other major brands. This allows ultimate coverage in only two coats. It is imperative that this paint is applied in only **TWO THIN COATS** and is **COMPLETELY DRY** before applying clear coat. This could be as little as 30 minutes or as long as days depending on temperature, humidity and thickness of coverage. We package all of our products with a medium dry solvent since we primarily sell at car shows and do not know your painting conditions. (Different drying time solvents are available upon request). There is no maximum time before re-coat, only a minimum. Xtreme base coat will dry with 40% more sheen than other base coats. This is due to the extended UV protection put in this base coat that the other brands do not use. Flash time between color coats should be 30 minutes. Due to this being a high solids material in conjunction with the medium dry-reducer, you must follow these instructions to allow the solvent to dissipate from the product after spraying.

If applying two thick coats or even a third coat, you will have extended drying time (maybe days) because you will have trapped solvents that are slow to leave due to the solvent being medium dry and the material being high solids. And if you try to clear coat over this without being 100% dry through and through, (where you cannot put a thumbnail in it and it make a mark), you will not have the best results. As the clear coat dries, it will begin to perform a contact permanent seal and if the base still has solvents trapped in it, or is still wet, it will cause cracking or wrinkling. If you follow the bottom simple steps, you should have no problems.

- 1. Make sure primer is compatible (if not ours) and completely dry before applying base coat. (This can be done by spraying a test panel before spraying your vehicle).
- 2. Apply base coat in two even thin coats with 30 minutes of flash time between coats to eliminate the trapping of solvents,. In the even you need to apply more coats to achieve desired coverage, please make sure the first two coats are completely dried before proceeding. To test dryness the old school way, try to press a thumbnail into a not so obvious place on the surface, if it leaves a mark, it is not dry yet.
- 3. Make sure temperature of paint and vehicle is at least 70 degrees and that temperature has been maintained in a 12 hour window before and after base is laid down.
- 4. Make sure humidity is 50%. It can be sprayed in higher humidity but will only slow drying times.
- 5. Spray Pressures:
 - A. Suction Gun: 45-50 lbs. at the gun with the trigger pulled.
- B. HLVP Gun: 12-15 lbs. at gun with the trigger pulled, (if orange peel appears, open fluid gate fully and increase air pressure as needed until orange peel disappears.
- 6. We suggest a 1.4 or 1.5 tip up to a 2.0.
- 7. Mixture Recommendations:
 - A. We suggest a 4-1 mixture for all of our metallic and pearls.
- B. We suggest a 4-1 mix for all our solid colors but suggest you spray a test panel first. If it seems to have any orange peel or too thick of coverage, then mix 2-1 to thin it out. This can be done with the addition of any brand base maker or automotive brand acrylic lacquer thinner (not from a hardware or lumber yard, as these are mineral spirits based).
- 8. If you have any additional questions, we are available 24/7 for your convenience.