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PAINT TOUCH-UP

*Why you should fix stone
chips and scratches in
your vehicle's paint.*

What you will need -

- Paint touch-up kit
- Touch-up paint
- Small paintbrush
- Wax & grease remover
- Spray can clear-coat paint
- #200 and #1500-grit sandpaper
- #600 wet/dry sandpaper
- Rubbing compound
- Car wax
- Soft rags
- Bucket of clean water

Do-It-Yourself difficulty guide -

EASY **AVERAGE** ADVANCED

Estimated time required -

1 - 3 Hours

Estimated cost savings -

\$65-\$195

**Don't expect perfection from
your paint touch-up, especially if your vehicle
has metallic paint.** Professional body shops
typically repaint an entire area to fix scratches and
stone chips. However, you can easily repair minor
paint damage with just a few touch-up items from
Advance Auto Parts. First, prepare the bare metal
so the paint will stick, then build up the blemish
with paint. Finally, sand the new paint until it is
flush with the paint surface. The process is simple
– it just takes patience. Rely on your Advance Auto
Parts Team Member to provide you with touch-up
paint and additional repair supplies you may need.

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and tips visit www.AdvanceAutoParts.com

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Step-By-Step Instructions

Equipment You'll Need

Supplies You'll Need



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why you should touch-up damage to your paint.



From the time your vehicle

leaves the new car showroom it is subjected to door dings, stone chips and errant shopping carts. The cumulative effect on your paint can be a disastrous. Not only will your vehicle look old and worn, bare sheet metal will allow rust to form in a matter of days. Advance Auto Parts has everything you need to do professional paint touch-up repairs at home.

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how to touch-up chips in your paint **do-it-yourself & save!**

Have your Advance Auto Parts Team Member

confirm what type of paint is on your vehicle and which paint repair products are right for you.



1

Complete paint touch-up kits with everything you need are available for your vehicle. Ask your Advance Auto Parts Team Member which one will work for you.



2

A stone chip can penetrate your vehicle's finish to bare metal. It must be properly prepared by sanding to remove surface oxidation. This sanding stick is part of a touch-up kit.



3

You must build up the repair with several coats of touch-up paint. Let it dry between each coat. Build the paint up until it is higher than the paint surrounding the repair.



4

With a small sanding block, sand the paint repair until it is flush with the paint around it. Use #600 wet or dry sandpaper to blend the repair into the surrounding area.



5

If your vehicle is not clear-coated, use rubbing compound to bring up the shine. If it has a clear-coat finish, get a wax remover and wipe off the surrounding paint.



6

Spray the sanded area with clear coat.



7

Lightly sand clear coat with #1500 sandpaper on a soft sanding block, then wipe off the dust particles with a cotton cloth to clean the work area.



8

The final step is to apply a few good coats of wax to protect the repaired area from moisture.