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# PAINT - PLASTIC BUMPER/FASCIA SERVICE TIPS

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#### PAINT - PLASTIC BUMPER/FASCIA PARTS - PREPARATION PROCEDURES - SERVICE TIPS

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### **ISSUE**

This article is being written to clarify the proper procedures to prepare plastic fascia parts. Multiple repair procedures for painting plastic fascia parts are being used in the field that are inconsistent and may not provide adequate paint adhesion. Paint companies repair procedures are system specific and do not lend themselves to generic repair procedures.

## **ACTION**

Follow the repair information in this TSB flow chart to perform the initial steps for fascia paint repair only. After completing the flow chart refer to paint company system recommendations for materials and mixing instructions for the type of plastic being painted. Also listed in this TSB are some important service tips to remember when preparing plastic parts for paint application.

## **SERVICE INFORMATION**

PART NUMBER	PART NAME
ZC-3-A	Motorcraft Detail Wash

For repair information, refer to flow chart Figure 1.

Additional Service Tips:

- When washing plastic parts use Motorcraft Detail Wash (ZC-3-A) mixed at a ratio (1 oz. of ZC-3-A) to 1 gallon of water.
- Use basecoat reducer for a wipe test on coated service parts.
- If the coating (adhesion promoter/primer) shrivels or lifts, remove only that layer of material by Scotchbrite

scuffing or machine sanding. Never remove material to bare plastic substrate, as this will create more work in order to protect the substrate for application of paint.

- If the adhesion promoter or primer is intact, use a gray Scotchbrite pad and scuff the entire part to continue preparation steps for normal paint application.
- Follow paint company recommendations for primer or basecoat application.

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