



BASF AUTOMOTIVE REFINISH COATINGS

TOPCOATS

Blending and or Tinting for Color Match

BASF recommends blending into an adjacent undamaged panel(s) whenever the panel being repaired / replaced has color applied to the entire surface, or color is applied to the part of the panel that borders an undamaged panel. This is the most cost-effective and durable method to produce an undetectable color-blend when repairing vehicles.

There is a limit to the amount of color variance that can be overcome by blending. When the variance is too great to successfully blend, adjusting the color by adding or subtracting mixing bases or "tinting" is recommended. The process of tinting a color ends when a blendable color-match is achieved. At this point, the tinted color is applied to the repaired panel(s) and blended into adjacent undamaged panels as necessary.

Tinting a color to an exact "panel match" is possible, but it is almost always more time consuming than blending. Additionally, the amount of time required can be unpredictable and in the end, most likely will not produce the same undetectable repair that can be achieved by blending.

Single Stage Finishes

BASF offers single-stage finishes that are matched to some solid color BC/CC OEM finishes. These finishes can be used as an economical alternative for the repair of older vehicles. They will not, however, offer the same level of durability as a BC/CC finish.