

POLISHING TEST SPOT CHECKLIST

Test spots are the most essential part of efficient paint correction. We recommend following this procedure before undertaking any paintwork correction process, regardless of prior experience.

SUPPLIES

☐ PAINT THICKNESS GAUGE	☐ MEDIUM CUT POLISH
☐ POLISHER (<i>DA BEST FOR BEGINNERS</i>)	☐ FINISHING POLISH
☐ HEAVY POLISHING PADS	☐ CLEAN MICROFIBER TOWELS
☐ MEDIUM POLISHING PADS	☐ INSPECTION LIGHT
☐ FINISHING POLISHING PADS	☐ GLOVES
☐ HEAVY CUT COMPOUND	☐ EYE PROTECTION

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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| ☐ 1. PREP PAINT SURFACE
Thoroughly wash and decontaminate the vehicle's paint before starting. | ☐ 5. MAKE FOUR SECTION PASSES
Work the test spot area, making four overlapping crosshatch passes. |
| ☐ 2. USE THICKNESS GAUGE
Make "go or no-go" decision by measuring clear coat thickness. | ☐ 6. WIPE-OFF AND INSPECT
Wipe residue and inspect results using a handheld light at a 45° angle, 1.5 ft away. |
| ☐ 3. CHOOSE PAD & PRODUCT
Select a medium pad and polish. Attach pad to polisher and apply polish to pad. | ☐ 7. ADJUST COMBO AS NEEDED
Use more aggressive pad and polish if defects not removed to satisfaction. |
| ☐ 4. MAP OUT TEST SPOT
Choose 2'x2' area on a horizontal panel that shows worst condition (e.g., hood). | ☐ 8. SET YOUR SYSTEM
Lock-in your system and repeat process across the vehicle's paint. |