

# TURBO VISION<sup>®</sup>

## Technical Data Sheet

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### TURBO VISION<sup>®</sup> Substrate Preparation and Pretreatment Guide

Product	Description
P850-1367	Cleaner and Degreaser
P850-1378	CT Spirit Wipe
P273-901	Body Kleen
P273-1333	Cleaner for Plastics
P273-1050	Anti-Static Cleaner for Plastics

### Description

*Turbo Vision* Primers and Topcoats are dedicated for the coating of commercial transportation vehicles. In order to get the best out of our products, it is essential to understand the correct process for each different substrate. Detailed guidance on substrate preparation is given on the datasheet.



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## Substrates and Preparation

### UNCOATED SURFACES

The appropriate pre-treatment procedure varies according to the type of material. Recommendations for the preparation of the various types of material are given below. All surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned prior to painting and should be free of any surface contaminants. Substrates that are dirty should first be jet washed, steam cleaned, or cleaned with Body Kleen P273-901, prior to preparation described below:

#### Steel

Steel comes in two types: hot-rolled steel and cold-rolled steel.

**Hot-rolled steel** can be identified by its layer of millscale on the surface which generally tends to be black or blue / grey in appearance. Millscale is a form of iron oxide which generally becomes brittle and can flake off with time. Millscale should be removed before painting.

**Cold-rolled steel** has a shiny, silvery appearance. It tends to be oily to protect from corrosion.

**Blast Cleaning of Steel** is the preferred pre-treatment for hot / cold rolled steel chassis constructions, as this offers the most efficient method for the removal of rust and mill scale.

Chilled iron grit or shot are typically used as blast media for steel, but other media can also be used.

This process should be carried out to give a cleanliness of SA2.5 according to ISO 8501. The blast profile should not be too coarse, or high film thicknesses of primer will be required to cover the profile to prevent corrosion. Ideally the blast profile should be as low as possible to allow for economic use of primer and to prevent corrosion issues. A surface profile of 30-40 microns is recommended.

After blast cleaning, all remaining contaminants and blast media should be removed by a clean brush and dry compressed air; or by vacuum cleaning.

The blast-cleaned surface should be kept dry and free from contamination, and primed immediately (or as soon as possible), with the relevant Nexa Autocolor Primer.

As a general rule, blast cleaning is not recommended when the relative humidity exceeds 85%. Care should also be taken not to contaminate the blasted surfaces by excessive handling.

#### Other Preparation for Steel

Good quality cold rolled steel (with a shiny, silver finish) can be machine sanded rather than blast cleaned.

Degrease with P850-1367 to remove oil and grease contamination, then machine-sand thoroughly using P120-180 abrasive discs. Finally wipe clean using P850-1367 or P850-1378.

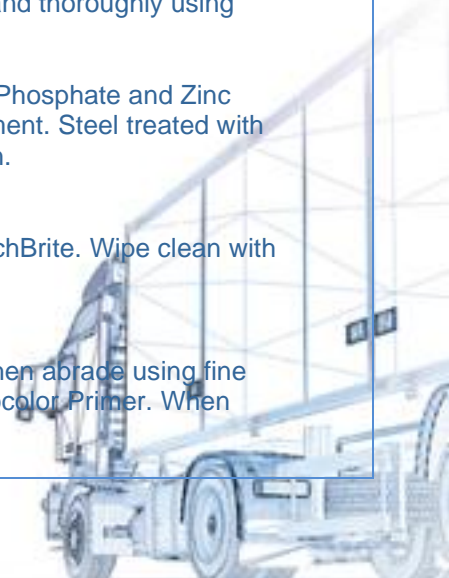
Various chemical pre-treatments are available for steel. The common ones are Iron Phosphate and Zinc Phosphate. These will not work over millscale which must be removed prior to treatment. Steel treated with iron phosphate or zinc phosphate can normally be primed without further preparation.

#### Hot Dipped Galvanised Steel (with frost flake pattern)

Thoroughly degrease the surface using P850-1367 and then abrade using fine ScotchBrite. Wipe clean with P850-1367 or P850-1378 prior to priming with the relevant Nexa Autocolor Primer.

#### Electro-Galvanized Steel (Zintec)

Wash off any dirt using Body Kleen P273-901, and degrease with P850-1367, and then abrade using fine ScotchBrite. Wipe clean with P850-1378 prior to priming with the relevant Nexa Autocolor Primer. When abrading, care should be taken not to abrade through the zinc layer.



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## Hot Zinc Sprayed / Metallized Steel

Metallized steel is typically blast-cleaned steel that has need thermally sprayed with a 85:15 blend of metallic zinc and aluminium. The surface has an open matrix of zinc / aluminium on it. The profile of the coating can be coarse (80-150 microns) and so high builds of primer are required to fill and cover the profile. For best results, coat with a light coat of epoxy primer and allow to flash off. The surface should then be coated with heavier coats of epoxy primer.

Air drying is recommended, as baking can cause air bubbles to appear in the paintwork.

## Stainless Steel

Degrease with P850-1367 and machine sand with P80-120 sanding discs, before cleaning with P850-1367 or P850-1378.

## Aluminium

Degrease with P850-1367. Thoroughly abrade the surface using P240-320 sanding discs. Difficult parts such as rivet heads or irregular sections should be scuffed very thoroughly with fine ScotchBrite. Wipe clean with P850-1367 or P850-1378.

Aluminium can be blast cleaned. If blast cleaning, non-metallic blast media such as aluminium oxide is recommended. Never use steel blast media, but stainless steel media can be used. Blasted aluminium is highly reactive and so it should be primed as quickly as possible after blasting.

Various chemical pre-treatments are available for aluminium, which can improve corrosion resistance or remove the need for abrasion. Please consult PPG Technical for information.

## Glass reinforced polyester (GRP) / Glasonite / SMC

Where possible refer to the substrate manufacturers recommendations on preparation prior to painting. As a general guide remove any release agent using Body Clean P273-901, then sand carefully using P320-400 dry sanding discs, taking care not to sand through the gel coat.

Wipe clean with P850-1378. Allow to dry thoroughly before painting. Any pores in the gel coat should be filled with liquid filler, or pore filler.

## Plastic Surfaces

Clean the plastic by applying diluted P273-1333 Cleaner for Plastics with a fine ScotchBrite to remove traffic film, mould release agents, and other contaminants and at the same time lightly scuffing the surface. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Next, apply anti-static cleaner for plastics P273-1050 to the whole area to be painted.

Certain plastics (ABS, NORYL, PC/PBT, LEXAN, PUR and SMC), can be painted directly with 2K Wet-On-Wet Primer P565-370X. Otherwise use P572-2001 Plastics Adhesion Promoter.

Please check the relevant Nexa Autocolor Plastics System datasheets.

## COATED SURFACES

### Previously Painted Surfaces

Check carefully for any signs of film breakdown. e.g. chalking, cracking, humidity blistering.

Low gloss levels often indicate surface irregularities caused by chalking, or micro blistering and a more thorough investigation with a magnifying glass is needed. Look for evidence of brittleness or poor adhesion often indicated by excessive stone chipping. If in doubt, test the film by scraping with a knife.

Defective paint must be removed.

If the existing paint film weight is high, it may be advisable to sand back to a reasonable total film build, before repainting. Excessive paint films impair durability.



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## **Old Finish in Sound Condition / OE Finish / Powder Coating**

Thoroughly clean to remove any traces of surface contamination by washing with Body Kleen P273-901. Machine sand using P320-P400 discs. Clean thoroughly using P850-1378 and tack-off before painting.

## **Defective Paintwork**

Areas of defective paintwork should be removed back to the substrate. This is best carried out by abrasion with P180-240 discs. Clean thoroughly using P850-1378 using one rag to apply and another clean rag to wipe off. Deep scratches should be "feather edged" with P180. Areas of bare metal should be primed immediately to prevent corrosion.

## **Wax-Coated Areas**

Vehicle components or chassis treated with protective wax or grease based materials should be carefully steam cleaned in accordance with the vehicle manufacturers recommendations. After steam cleaning, remove any residual wax by wiping down with P850-1367, and then sand the complete vehicle using P180-240 dry sanding discs.

Following the sanding, remove all dust by blowing off with compressed air and wipe clean with P850-1378 Spirit Wipe. Any areas of primer or finish not in a sound condition should be sanded back and the unpainted surface pre-treated accordingly.

## **Filling Dented or Irregular Surfaces**

Degrease the area to be filled using P850-1367 and sand using P80-120 abrasive discs.

Any deep dents should be filled using Universal Stopper P551-1052. Allow to dry for approximately 45 minutes at 20°C and then sand to the correct profile using P80-180 dry abrasive discs. The entire area of repair should then be machine sanded with P240 discs, and the surrounding area (not the stopper) sanded with P320-400 discs. Wipe clean using P850-1378. Primer should then be applied.

**These products are for professional use only**, and are not to be used for purposes other than those specified. The information on this TDS is based on present scientific and technical knowledge, and it is the responsibility of the user to take all necessary steps in order to ensure the suitability of the product for the intended purpose.

For Health and Safety information please refer to the material Safety Data Sheet, also available at: [http://www.ppg.com/Autocolor\\_MSDS](http://www.ppg.com/Autocolor_MSDS)

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