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Axalta Coating Systems Clearcoat Recommendation for Collision Repair

Applying clearcoat to the entire panel is a requirement for coverage under the Axalta Coating Systems ("Axalta") warranty for collision repair finishes. This approach helps produce a durable repair that will not weather prematurely.

Collision repair centers receive requests to blend clearcoat within a panel versus applying the clearcoat to the entire panel. While the blend approach may produce a finish that appears acceptable to the customer at the time of delivery, the blend edge can become apparent within the remaining service life of the vehicle. One reason for increased visibility of the blend edge is the potential for weaker adhesion of the clearcoat in the blend area. Another reason is the potential for poor weathering characteristics of the thin clearcoat edge in the blend area. The result is that the blend edge may look cloudy or dull with continued exposure to the sun and the elements.

Applying clearcoat to the entire panel is the traditional industry practice to restore a late model vehicle to its pre-accident condition and it is a requirement for coverage under the Axalta warranty. Please visit the Axalta Coating Systems web-site for full details regarding Axalta's warranty coverage and related procedures.

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