

Frequently Asked Questions

P-01A Primer / Finishing Polish

1. Can I apply over recently repainted parts or fresh factory paint?

No. Most of Modesta's products contain solvents, which may interfere with the curing process of the paint. Modesta also forms a closed layer over the surface of the paint thus trapping gases in the fresh paint underneath - the paint will therefore not "degas". You should allow 4-6 weeks for aftermarket repainted parts and 6-8 weeks for factory painted parts to cure enough. This time may vary with different aftermarket refinishing systems and different car manufacturers. Please note that the delivery time of new vehicles may vary greatly in different regions and with different type of vehicles.

2. What can I use for degreasing and preparing the paint?

Isopropyl alcohol in 99%+ concentration (also called 2-propanol). It is not recommended to use other type of products as the last step prior to application. You may use different products - APC's, citrus degreasers, panel wipes and similar products in the preparation. They may perform good in cleaning, however they are no replacement for the last step degreasing prior to application. Always use alcohol for this step, otherwise you may encounter issues during application. If Isopropyl alcohol is not available, Ethylalcohol in 99%+ concentration may be used as a replacement. Use enough alcohol - you should use 500ml - 1000ml for the degreasing of an average vehicle.

3. Is infrared curing required?

No. There is no benefit at all in curing the P-01A Primer with an infrared lamp.

4. How can I achieve optimal filling properties of the primer?

The primer will enhance gloss, reflections, saturation and overall appearance of the paint. To achieve maximal filling properties it should be applied with a rotary machine and a soft polishing pad at medium speeds. The primer will develop the most filling at a temperature between 40-60 °C, depending on paint type. The higher heat on the paint created by the rotary movement of the pad will help the primer to maximize its filling properties. The effect will be better on vehicles and surfaces that do have a clearcoat layer. The filling effect will be limited on single stage paints.

5. Can I use the primer for maintenance?

Yes. If used on top of a Modesta coating the primer will not remove nor chemically affect the coating beneath it. It may however influence the water behavior of the coating. It should therefore not be used on large surfaces. The filling capabilities of the primer might be used to correct the appearance of light swirls and scratches on existing finishes.

6. Can I use the primer in combination with other products or coatings of other manufacturers?

No. You may consider using the primer in combination with waxes, however a carnauba based glaze might be more suitable for such a scenario. Using the primer with coatings of other manufacturers might expose the paint to potentially dangerous chemical reactions. Such negative effects might not be immediately observable.