

Hefty Fabworks Inc

Product Care & Maintenance

Care and Maintenance of your Hefty Fabworks Inc. products

--Check regularly that the bolts remain tight especially after an off-road trail run. Clean your finish with a rag, soap, and water to eliminate damage from salt and road grime.

Due to the nature of vehicle use and environment that Hefty Fabworks Inc products are exposed to, as stated in our Warranty/Disclaimer Statement Hefty Fabworks Inc does not provide any warranty for powder-coating or finishes.

Questions often arise about Powder-Coating finishes. Most pertain to chipping and rusting. Powder coat is abrasion, corrosion and chemical **resistant**. This does not mean that it will not crack, peel, chip, scratch, or corrode. There has been a misconception that powder coat is crack, chip, peel, abrasion, corrosion, and chemical **proof** but that is not the case. Powder coating is stronger than paint but given the environment it is subjected to, it can only resist so much.

Keep in mind the environment that your product is subjected to (for example, a front bumper). Driving down the highway at 55+ mph, a small stone can hit the bumper. Yes, it will most likely cause a chip. If left unprotected, that small exposed area will then rust. Rust will erode away at the bumper's finish. It is imperative that any scratches or chips are protected.

Powder coating is durable and long-lasting in part due to how it is applied. Unlike paint, powder coat is applied as a dry powder with a small electrostatic charge that holds the powder to the metal. It is then oven baked causing the coating to "gel" (or melt) into a smooth, consistent, coating. This process created quite a durable finish, but it is not damage-proof. Products are subject to damage caused to scraping over rough surfaces, impacted by stones and other debris at highway speeds, road salt and chemical, etc.

--Check that your powder coat finish, especially around bolts, does not sustain any chips, gouges, or scratches during the use of your vehicle. Any evidence of damage or wear should be treated immediately. Hefty Fabworks Inc recommends using Rustoleum Gloss Black in either a spray can or, for small touchups, the Gloss Black Enamel in the small pint can. (Be sure to test any spray paint before applying.) Apply multiple light coats of the spray paint to achieve a blended texture and cover exposed areas.

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