

ANTI-RUST TEST Final Results

1st EXTERNAL WINNER

Rustbuster Epoxy-Mastic 121 £25.95 starter pack

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Feb 2010 Good coverage. Looks like the most impenetrable finish on test – dense and tough.

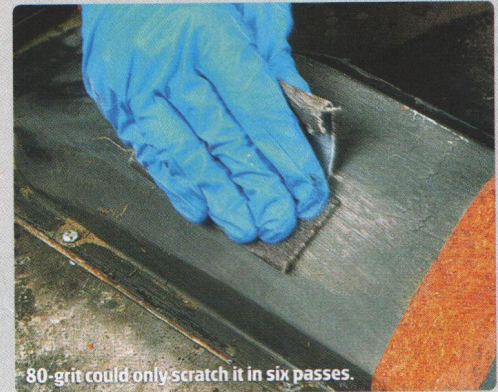
Jan 2011 Surface has rubbed but hasn't penetrated coating. Thick covering. Still good at edge of control strip.

Sept 2011 Not necessarily the prettiest finish when applied by brush, but it's nonetheless proving very tough. Used on Project MGB suspension.

Apr 2012 Still as tough as when it dried in Feb 2010. No loss of adhesion near the control strip from this two-part paint.

Final inspection

Its control strip was the worst on test, but 121 has held firm all around it. No breaching near any edges. It's the least chipped sill on test too, indicative of its toughness. The matt finish has faded slightly but not its resilience.



CM SAYS...

Knowing how our external coatings might perform has been a regular conversation in our workshop these past three years. Car enthusiasts want to know a product will deliver the protection their efforts deserve.

With the exception of POR-15, all the coatings remained intact, demonstrating excellent adhesion. POR might argue the new metal wasn't coarse enough to anchor the paint. But the same goes for all.

Eastwood's Rust Encapsulator had the adhesion but its surface couldn't deal with the light abrasion of 80-grit. All the others resisted the abrasion, including the only primer on test, ElectroX. If you need to

painted, consider it worthy for the job.

Rust Seal and Rust Bullet both stood up well. The best finish was Caprotech RX10 which surprised me greatly. It looks classy and is super tough. Highly recommended. It also needs a new UK distributor.

That leaves the deserving winner, Epoxy Mastic 121. It's a multi-purpose, rustbusting coating of stature. Not only that, it can be overpainted easily, comes in a variety of colours and sizes and will even stick to weathered or T-washed galvanised finishes and non-metal surfaces such as GRP. It can be sprayed once thinned and is perfect for high impact, abrasive areas such as chassis and wheelarches. In three years, we couldn't find a chink in its armour. It sets the highest

